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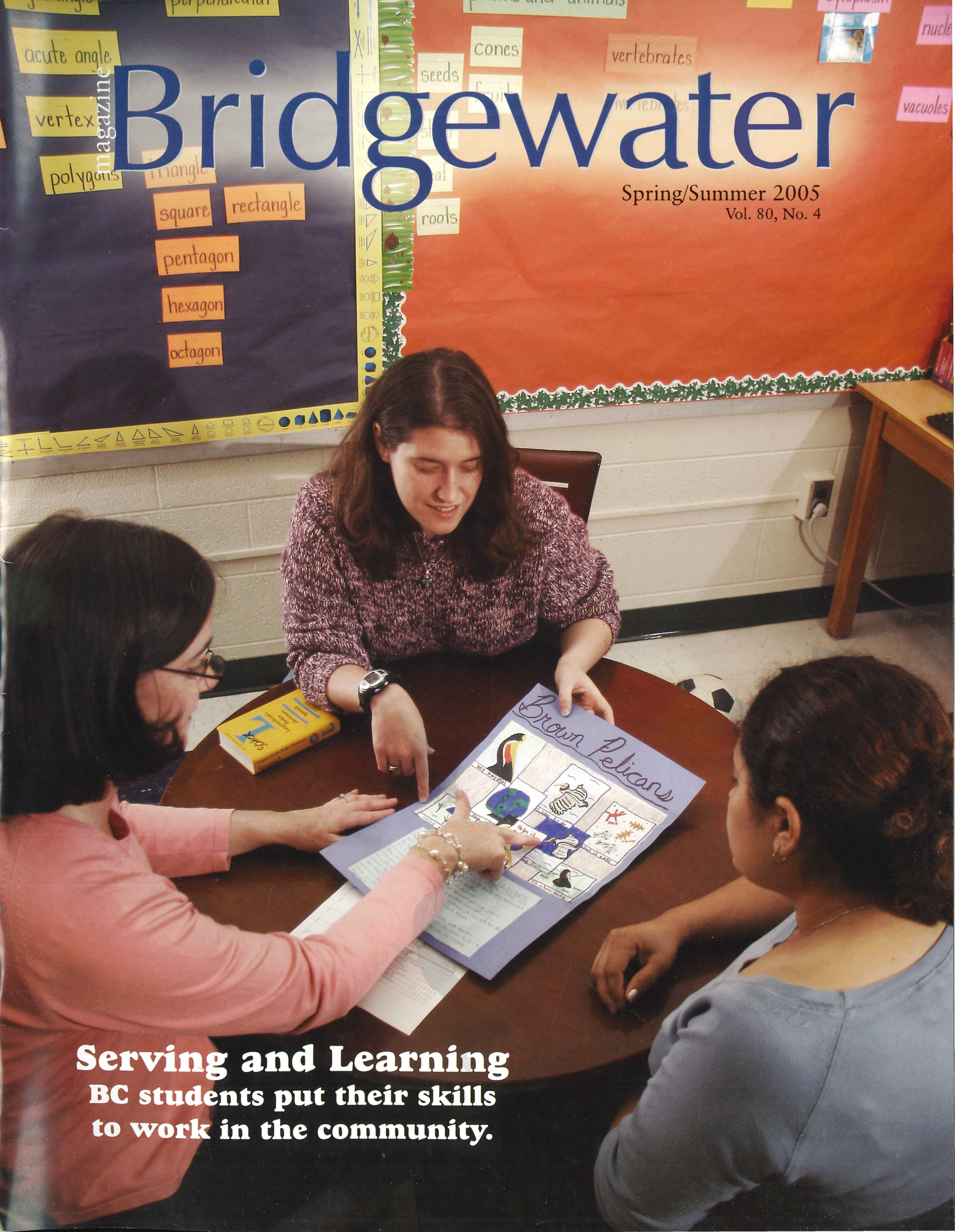
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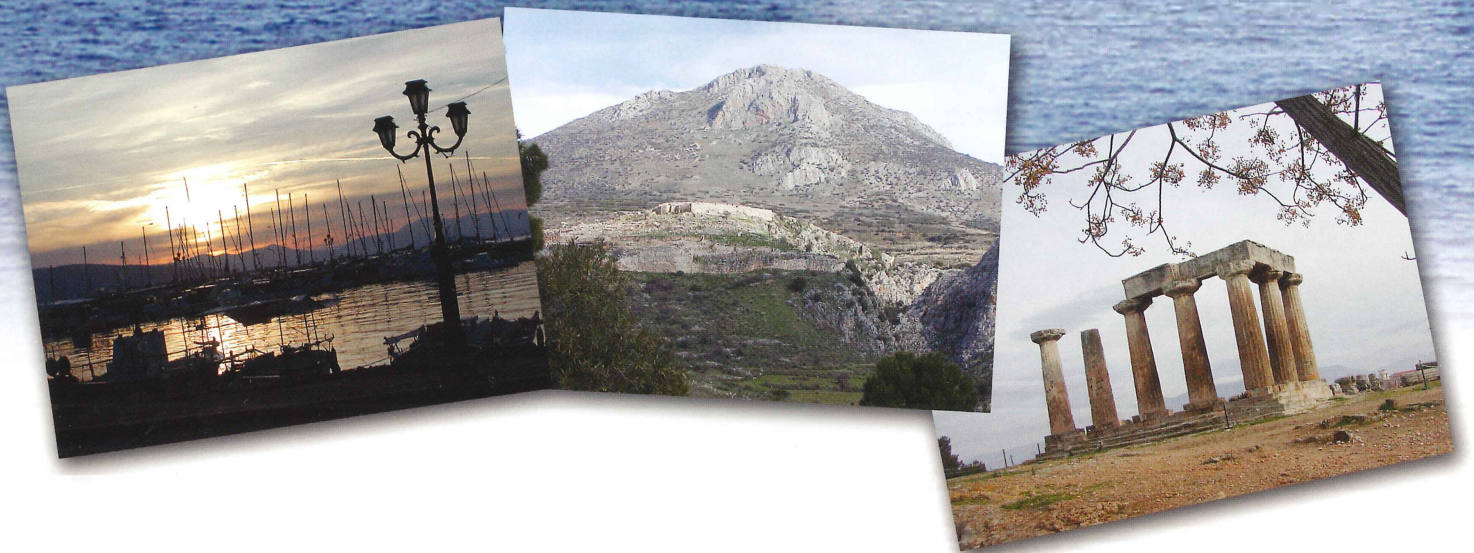
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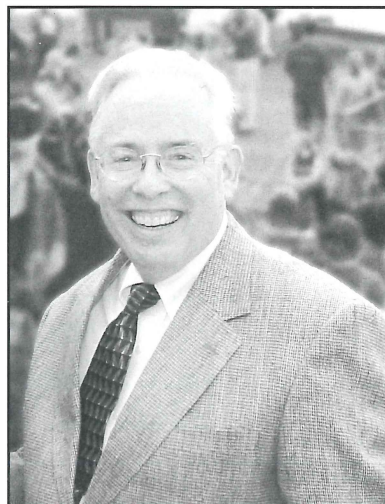
Bridgewater students are putting their skills to work as volunteers all around the Harrisonburg-Rockingham County Community. From serving as emergency medical technicians for the local rescue squad to tutoring ESL students, Bridgewater students are making a difference in their college community while enhancing their own educational experiences.

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On the Cover

Rebecca Carbaugh, a rising senior, was one of six Bridgewater Spanish students who put their language skills to work as interpreters for parent-teacher conferences in the Harrisonburg City Schools. Here, she translates an elementary school teacher's comments about a child's art project to the mother.

Photography by Tommy Thompson.



Virginia's Lincoln

An avid admirer of Abraham Lincoln, Bridgewater President Phillip C. Stone has founded the Lincoln Society of Virginia to honor the 16th president's Virginia roots and promote awareness of his contributions to the United States. The Society held its inaugural meeting in May with several distinguished Lincoln scholars as guest speakers.

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The Magic of Theater

Since 1972, as a professor and director of The Pinion Players, Ralph MacPhail has helped countless Bridgewater students realize their dramatic talents. At the end of the 2004-2005 academic year, the curtain closed on his tenure at the College, and he started his retirement by directing a production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado" for the Austin (Texas) Gilbert and Sullivan Society this summer.

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With Freedom Comes Responsibility

Former Virginia Gov. L. Douglas Wilder Addresses Class of 2005

As Bridgewater College's graduating seniors and their families celebrated on the Campus Mall, Richmond Mayor L. Douglas Wilder told the 283 graduates that "Democracy is not a spectator sport," encouraging them to be participants in making the United States a better place for all to live.

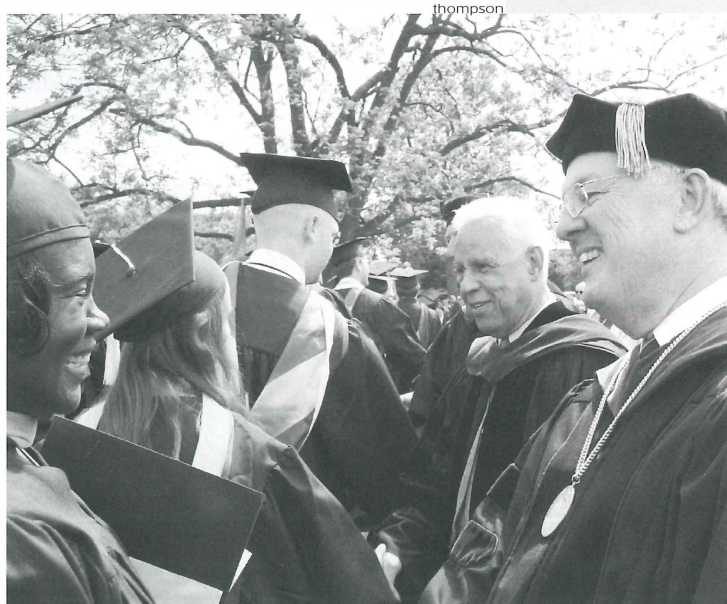
After Bridgewater College president Dr. Phillip Stone presented Wilder with an honorary doctor of laws degree, Wilder reminded the graduates that "People died to show that life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness is meant for all people and for all Americans."

The grandson of slaves, Wilder said, "Despite the cries of those who pine for the 'good old days,' there never have been those good old days for all of America's people." Drawing from his personal experiences as the first black elected to the Virginia state senate since Reconstruction and the first African American in the United States to be elected governor, he told the graduates that many people tried to discourage him as he ran for political offices, saying there was no use — he wouldn't succeed.

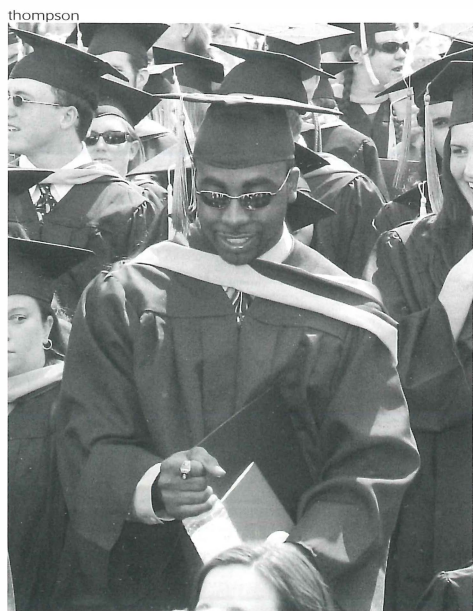
Though politics have become vicious these days, with members of both major political parties

fighting each other, Wilder said, "We can't afford to let that turn us back." No matter how bad it seems, he said, today's graduates must step up as leaders for the nation. He urged "parents and politicians, preachers and teachers" to assign responsibility and avoid assigning blame so that they may "develop wholesome, long-range plans."

Quoting U.S. President Abraham Lincoln, who said that America was "The last, best hope of earth," Wilder said, "At a time when whirlwinds of rebellion shake many shores, and wars and rumors of war continue, we must be steadfast in our resolve to make this nation live out its creed. We've never, ever been a nation of one people, one race, one culture, one religion or one language ... It is the strength of our nation, that unity of variety — and abundance of it — that have made America great." ■ kdb



Above: Former Virginia Gov. L. Douglas Wilder (center) congratulates members of the class of 2005, along with President Phillip Stone (foreground, right) following the 2005 Commencement ceremony. **Left:** Cameron Garvin, a business administration major from Hurt, Va., celebrates after receiving his diploma.



First Degrees in Environmental Science Awarded

Brandon Brumfield, of Gretna, Va., and **Adam Merritt** of Frankford, W. Va., walked across the stage during the Commencement ceremony in May as the College's first to earn degrees in environmental science.

The interdisciplinary program, overseen by the biology and chemistry departments, explores the problems caused by human use and abuse of natural resources, especially on water. The major was developed because many biology students were interested in ecology and environmental science, says Gavin Lawson, chair of the biology department.

A degree in environmental science prepares students for a wide range of careers, says Lawson, including governmental agencies such as the Department of Environmental Quality or the U.S. Department of Agriculture, or land management companies, water/wastewater treatment facilities, or food and drug companies. "I want to do something to help sustain our environment and resources," says Brumfield, "so that future generations will be able to enjoy the outdoors." ■

Wampler Retires after 39 Years of Service

Melvin Wampler, assistant vice president for facilities and support services, retired at the end of June after 39 years of service to Bridgewater College.

A 1962 graduate of Bluffton College, Wampler joined the College staff in 1966, when he became assistant business manager of the College. Previously, he taught business education courses at North Baltimore High School in North Baltimore, Ohio, from 1962 to 1966 and worked as an accountant for business organizations during the summers. Wampler received a master of education degree from Bowling Green State University in 1965.

Wampler was named business manager and treasurer of the College in 1983 and served in that role until 1998, when he was appointed to his current position. In 1995, he was tapped by former Virginia Gov. George F. Allen to the board of the Virginia Higher Education Trust Fund, which was responsible for developing a program for the prepayment of college tuition for citizens wanting to attend public two-year and four-year colleges in Virginia, as well as administering the fund containing tuition prepayments.

An active leader in the local community, Wampler has served as vice mayor and finance chair on the Bridgewater Town Council. He also served on the town's industrial development authority and board of zoning appeals, and has been a member of the board of directors of the Harrisonburg/Rockingham United Way and the Bridgewater Ruritan Club.

Wampler, a longtime member of the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren, served eight years on the board of directors for Brethren Benefit Trust, which oversees the medical and life insurance, retirement pension and investment programs of the Church of the Brethren. ■



Melvin Wampler and his wife, Glenda, served as grand marshalls for the 2004 Homecoming parade.

A Caring Hand

By Cara Ellen Modisett



courtesy - akers

As **Troy Akers, '03**, watched the drama of the tsunami disaster in Southeast Asia unfold on national television in December, he had no idea that soon he would be called to assist the people who had experienced such tragedy and heartache.

Two months later, the medical student was in India, seeing that devastation first hand on a mission trip with 20 other students and two physicians from the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine in Blacksburg, Va.

The invitation for the mission trip came with just three weeks' notice, leaving very little time to plan and to raise the \$2,500 required by each participant to cover travel expenses, as well as medical and building supplies, food and medications.

"When the first notice came up, I dismissed it," he says. "[I thought], 'It's too much money and too much time away from home.' But for two days I couldn't stop thinking about it."

With the encouragement of his wife, the former Nancy Varney, class of 2004, Akers decided to go. He was able to raise more than \$3,500 for the trip and left with the group on Feb. 24. They arrived in the Nagapatnam district of India at the end of a 22-hour plane ride and a six-hour bus ride.

During their seven days in India, the medical entourage saw nearly 3,000 patients in 11 shoreline villages, treating illness and injuries, praying with them (many were Hindu) and giving out much-needed supplies.

Akers' osteopathic training, which emphasizes a hands-on approach and philosophy that "the whole body is connected — the mental, the physical, the spiritual," was new to the Indian patients.

"Indian doctors don't touch their patients," Akers explains. "They literally don't lay hands on them. A lot of the illnesses they've had for years and years were 'cured' because we took the time to be with them."

For most of his life, Akers has felt a calling to become a doctor — he recalls that his great-grandfather always told him that even as a toddler, he talked about being a heart doctor. A native of Christiansburg, Va., Akers worked alongside numerous family members in the volunteer rescue squad for years.

While the experience gave Akers an opportunity to apply his medical training, he says he also learned from the people he helped. He was impressed with the deep-rooted family structure that exists in the Indian culture, where members of extended families care for each other.

"What struck me most was the will of the people," he says. "They didn't have much to begin with, and now they have even less, but they push on." ■

Peace Churches Discuss Draft Possibility

(Some information was taken from Church of the Brethren *Newsline*, March 7, 2005)

As a lifelong member of the Church of the Brethren, **Andy Duffey**, an incoming freshman at Bridgewater, has a clear understanding of the church's pacifist stance. Now that he is 18 years old, the issues of military service may affect him directly. During his teen years, Duffey had learned what he would need to do to register as a conscientious objector (CO) in the event of a military draft.

In March, Duffey, a member of the denomination's Mid-Atlantic District Youth Cabinet, was one of nearly 100 people who attended an Anabaptist Consultation on Alternative Service in Elgin, Ill. In addition to Church of the Brethren members, the conference brought together Mennonites, Brethren in Christ and Friends (Quakers) to address the possibility of a military draft, discuss increased military recruitment and highlight the tradition of Christian service.

"Luckily the Church of the Brethren is good with its youth in teaching them how to become a CO," says Duffey, who attended with his father **Scott Duffey, '75**, pastor of the Westminster Church of the Brethren. "I personally think I am [prepared for a military draft], but I don't think enough people are."

The conference featured presentations by staff from the Selective Service System and the Center on Conscience and War. Though the Selective Service representatives reported that a draft is not imminent, they acknowledged that detailed plans for a draft and alternative service already are in place. They reviewed procedures to register as a CO.

Duffey said that registering as a CO now would require a religious affiliation with a historic peace church, and young people were encouraged to collect documentation of their membership in such churches, as well as evidence of their pacifist beliefs.

Most surprising to Duffey was learning about the so-called "back-door draft" that several conference speakers said is already occurring. Several of them contended that increased military recruitment disproportionately targets youth in communities of color and in impoverished neighborhoods, offering them opportunities that might not otherwise be available to them.

"[The conference] opened my eyes to bigger issues involved with the draft," Duffey says. "I learned about smaller issues surrounding youth peace education, how to handle recruiters and how to become a CO." ■ kdb

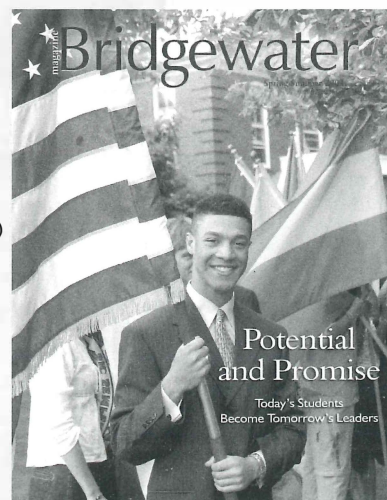
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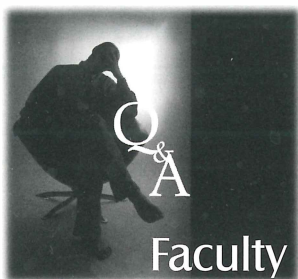
Volcy Beauplan of Miami, Fla., was elected to the Bridgewater College Board of Trustees in April. He was nominated by the Atlantic Southeast District of the Church of the Brethren.

A native of Haiti, Beauplan is a member of the Haitian Church of the Brethren in Miami. He earned an associate's degree before transferring to Florida International University and graduating in 2003 with a bachelor's degree in social work. Beauplan has worked at Miami Children's Hospital and with the Haitian Women of Miami project. He also has been employed in food service and has worked as a youth counselor. ■

BC Receives Award of Excellence

Bridgewater College received an Award of Excellence (Best in Print 2004) from Printing Industries of Virginia (PIVA) for the Spring/Summer 2004 issue of *Bridgewater Magazine*. McClung Companies in Waynesboro, Va., submitted the publication for competition.





Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Jamie Frueh

Interview by Karen Doss Bowman, '91

While pursuing his Ph.D. at American University (AU), Dr. Jamie Frueh, assistant professor of history and political science, started a "Future Global Leaders Program" for college students from Cyprus. The six-week summer program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, continues today, bringing young people to Washington, D.C., from both sides of the island, which is strictly divided on cultural lines between the Turkish, Muslim residents of the north and the Greek, Orthodox residents of the south. Frueh will lead the program for the sixth time this summer, encouraging the students to engage in dialogue and participate in community service activities together. The program fulfills part of his personal interest in bridging gaps between cultures and fostering global understanding and tolerance.

A Bridgewater faculty member since 2002, Frueh earned his bachelor's degree from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service in 1989. He also completed a Russian Area Studies certificate. For 18 months following his graduation from Georgetown, Frueh worked as a volunteer teacher in the Republic of South Africa, teaching math and English to high school students in the homelands of KwaZulu and Lebowa. He earned his Ph.D. from AU's School of International Service in 1999.

Q: What drew you to international studies?

A: I was really drawn into trying to understand *difference*: How things are different, how people do things so differently and whether we can call them right or wrong. So I was really wrestling with trying to understand the vast differences in the world — and the world is the biggest scope, the biggest canvas, of *difference* that we have. It really drew me to wrap my mind around how people could be so different and how to manage that.

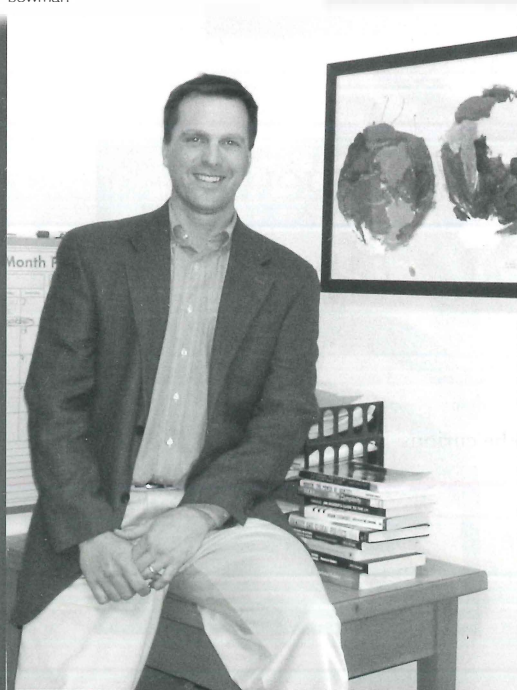
Q: What are your primary research interests?

A: Right now my primary research interest is in the theories of identity, which really lets me deal with *sameness* and *difference*. Identity really refers to the list of groups to which you belong.

My dissertation was on the transformation of structures of political identity during the transition from apartheid to democracy in South Africa. Apartheid used to make race the most important thing about [a person], and now that's supposedly not true. Apartheid was institutionalized racism — racism was not only acceptable, it was legal. The transition from apartheid happened while I was there, and now they have a multi-racial democracy. So my dissertation was about how do you go from thinking about identity primarily [in terms of] race to supposedly something else? What is the *something else*, and how do you go from here to there? So it's about change in big structures of identity. I'm continuing that with some theoretical work right now on what identity is and how it works in politics.

I got involved with the Cyprus program because one of my fields of interest is peace and conflict resolution. This island was divided in 1974, and so the students, almost all of them, have never interacted in a serious way with someone from the other side. And up until about two years ago, you could not cross the line. So we get the students off the island, where there are all kinds of pressures from family and friends. They come and live in D.C., on the AU campus, and they just get to live with each other, hang out and get to realize that people on the other side are not monsters. Officially what we do is talk about leadership and community service — that's the theme of the seminars, and they do projects. They take that ethic of community service back home and do all kinds of projects and get involved. Really I

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think the most consistent benefit has been the fact that they get to know people that they're supposed to hate. I think of it as planting seeds for the future when these students grow up and take positions of leadership on their island.

Q: What do you try to teach your BC students about bridging gaps?

A: I tell the story about when I was in South Africa, walking down the street I kept bumping into people — kept running smack into people. I wasn't trying to be rude, and they weren't trying to be rude; we just kept bumping into each other. And I figured out that in South Africa they drive on the left side of the road, so for them it's normal and polite to walk down the sidewalk on the left side. So if somebody is walking toward me, and they're walking on the left, and I'm walking on the right, we're going to bump into each other. And who would have ever guessed that there's a right way to walk down the sidewalk? And you don't know what you don't know until you bump into somebody who does it differently. That can be a frustrating experience, but it can also be so fascinating. Not only do you learn about their culture, but you learn about your own because it's reflected in how different it is. And it's that confrontation of difference that gives people the opportunity to understand things much more broadly.

That's the most fulfilling part of my job here, in getting students to open up their minds and, in essence, bump into things that they never would have bumped into if they'd been just cruising along in their normal lives.

Q: What are some things you do with your students to give them that global perspective?

A: Part of my job is to teach some Introduction to World History classes. I have them do this exercise in small groups where they explore what daily life was like in the 1500s or 1600s in a site that I assign to them. So what was it like in Ghana or China or Peru during this time period? And not looking at what the kings were doing — what did the normal people eat, what did they wear, what kind of jobs did they do, how many children lived with them? A lot of students really get into it — they bring food, and they get dressed up sometimes.

In Introduction to World Politics, the students research papers by tracking an issue every

day in the news. This year we did the war in Iraq, the occupation, the liberation, whether it is one or the other, how it is perceived and its implications. We also explored the pope as an actor in world politics and how much leverage religious leaders should have in the world. So confronting the daily issues that the world has to confront gets them out of their own minds, out of the little world that CNN or the *Daily News-Record* [Harrisonburg, Va.] provide. They have to read foreign news sources, such as London or French newspapers, the Al-Jazeera Web site, and they can get these different perspectives and evaluate them.

My interterm course is on the United Nations, and we take a three-day trip up to the U.N. in New York City and interview bureaucrats who work there and ambassadors from other countries. Last time we went up, we saw the ambassador from Ecuador and the ambassador from Niger and talked to them about what they do at the U.N.

Q: What do you enjoy most about teaching?

A: I think that what I enjoy most is making difficult concepts understandable. I think I have a talent for understanding how people can misunderstand things. And I think that comes from empathy, where I can put myself into the shoes of a student who is having a really hard time with something and come at it in several different ways to get around the roadblock that's right in front of them.

I discovered this when I was teaching in South Africa, in some very poor and oppressed places. I walked in, and the first day they asked me to teach calculus — I had not had calculus since high school. But I was there to do service, so I said I'd give it a shot. I learned how to empathize with the students, and then it was even more rewarding to watch the light bulbs go off. I don't think of teaching as me turning on the light bulb; I think of it as me creating the environment within which curious students can turn on their own light bulbs. Of course, my students are not always curious, so there's an element of getting them to pay attention enough to be curious. I ask a lot of questions when I teach. Even when students don't answer, they have to think about what they would say if they did. I try very hard to inspire curiosity. ■

Alumni Books

The Something Else Lady

by the Rev. Earle Fike Jr., '51

Written in honor of former Church of the Brethren missionary, teacher, and writer Anna Beahm Mow, more commonly known as "Sister Anna," this children's book was a "labor of love" for author **Earle Fike Jr.** Sister Anna, who died in 1985, "loved children, and children loved her," Fike recently told the *Shenandoah Journal* of Dayton, Va. A former missionary in India for nearly two decades with her husband, Baxter, Sister Anna taught Christian education courses at Bethany Theological Seminary for 18 years. She was one of Fike's teachers when he was a seminary student, and he later became her pastor at the First Church of the Brethren in Chicago.

The book includes stories from the life of Sister Anna — tales that she often shared with her friends and students, as well as some memories from her family members. She is described as a very "joyful person" with a memorable laugh. "She had a big, happy, wonderful laugh that made you smile just to hear it," Fike writes.

Fike's book also was recently honored with an "Award of Excellence," from the Printing Industries of Virginia. It was printed by Good Printers Inc. in Bridgewater.

The book was illustrated by 8-year-old Yolanda Wenger,



Sister Anna's great-granddaughter. It also includes a CD of the song, "Sister Anna, Beauty Queen," written in her honor by **Andy** and **Terry Murray**, both '64. Bethany Theological Seminary supported publication of *The Something Else Lady* in honor of the school's 100th anniversary this year.

The book is available at Ruth's Books in Bridgewater, or through the Bethany Theological Seminary Web site at <http://www.brethren.org/bethany/index.php>. Click on the "Centennial" button and select "Anna Mow book."

Monks and Motorcycles: From Laos to London by the Seat of My Pants, 1956-1958

by Franklin E. Huffman, '55

In 1956, **Frank Huffman** began a journey that took him from the Shenandoah Valley to the exotic Orient, and eventually around the world. Through this book, Huffman shares his experiences and emotions during two years of volunteer service as a French interpreter for a community development team on the Plain of Jars in Laos, Indochina.

In January, 1958, Huffman bought a motorcycle and traveled from Laos to Europe by land, guided only by a *National Geographic* map of Asia and the optimism of youth. Describing adventures such as climbing the Angkor Wat in Cambodia, cycling up the road to Madalay in Burma, being chased by a motorcycle-hating cow near the Taj Mahal and thumbing his way across Iran to Turkey, Huffman offers insights into the different cultures he encounters on his travels through about 25 countries.

A former professor at Yale and Cornell universities, Huffman began a diplomatic career with the U.S. Foreign Service in 1985, serving in London, Burma,

Morocco, Paris, Cambodia and New Zealand before retiring in 1999. He has completed post-retirement tours in Central Africa and Cambodia. Through his academic and diplomatic careers, he has lived, worked or traveled in more than 80 countries.

The book, published by iUniverse Inc., is available from iUniverse.com or Amazon.com.

Christs: Meditations on Archetypal Images in Christian Theology; Three Faces of God: Traces of the Trinity in Literature and Life; and Hells and Holy Ghosts: A Theopoetics of Christian Belief

by David L. Miller, '57

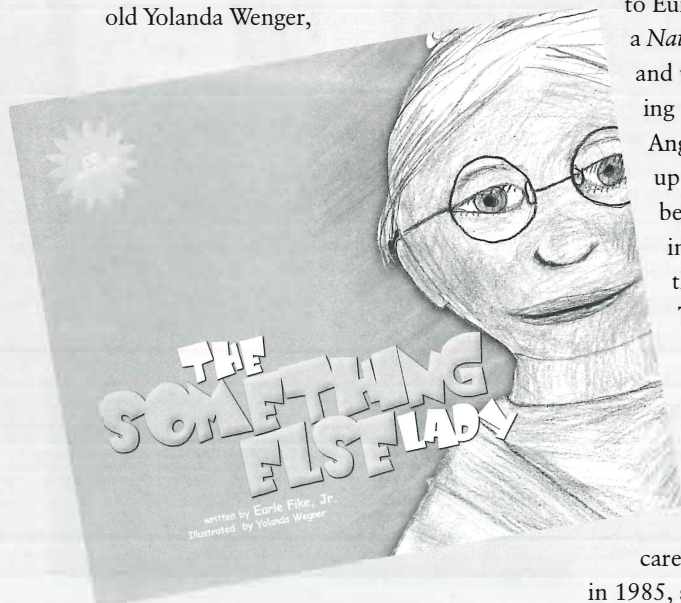
This trilogy by **David L. Miller, '57**, was republished in 2004 and 2005 by Spring Journal Books. Originally published in the 1980s, the books represent a retrospective of Miller's research and scholarship. *Hells and Holy Ghosts* is an interdisciplinary study that shows how the same archetypal patterns found in Christ's descent into hell and in the resurrection of the dead also appear in Greek mythology and in some of the most powerful 20th century poetry. In *Christs*, Miller analyzes the archetypal images from mythology that underlie the figure of Christ and explores contemporary imaginal versions of them. *The Three Faces of God* explores the concept of the Trinity as it appears in Christian theology, in the psychology of Freud and Jung, and in modern secular literature.

Miller was the Watson-Ledden Professor of Religion at Syracuse University until his retirement in 2001, and he also was a core faculty member at Pacifica Graduate Institute in Santa Barbara, Calif., until 2004.

Virginia Gold Mines — The Golden Piedmont (An Historical Perspective)

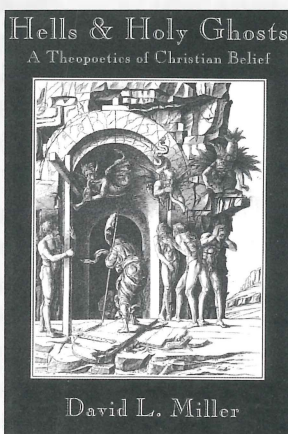
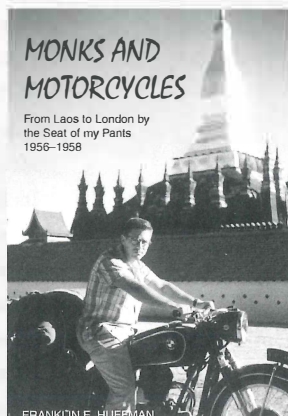
by Ben D. Beydler, '56

Long before the 49ers rushed to California, there was gold in Virginia. In this book published last fall, Bridgewater native **Ben Beydler** traces the discovery of gold in Virginia all the way back to one of the nation's founding fathers, Thomas Jefferson, who was responsible for the first gold discovery in the state.

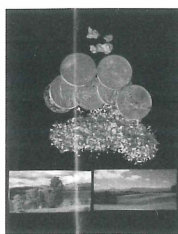


Beydler, a retired Augusta County Schools teacher and principal, told the *Daily News-Record* of Harrisonburg that he spent six years researching the topic. The Piedmont region of Virginia, Beydler told the newspaper, was the hub of activity in the state's "Gold Belt," which is about 20 miles wide and about 200 miles long. During the 1800s, more than 300 gold mines were found in 14 counties.

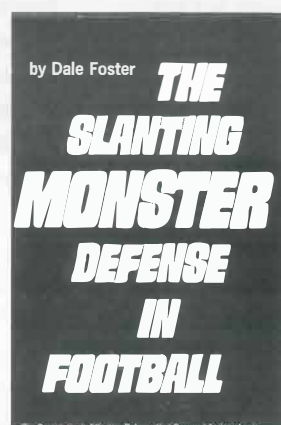
The book is self-published and available at some Harrisonburg-area bookstores, including Downtown Books, Books of Merit (Dayton Farmer's Market) and Ruth's Books.



VIRGINIA GOLD MINES
THE GOLDEN PIEDMONT
(AN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE)



By: Ben D. Beydler



Student Receives VFIC Research Award

Caitlin O'Meara, of Westminster, Md., received a \$2,500 grant from the 2005 Summer Science Research program sponsored by the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges.

During the summer, the junior athletic training major will be conducting her research project, "Prevalence of *Pseudomonas* in water bottles, coolers, faucets and hoses used for hydrating athletes," which continues a study she began during the spring semester. O'Meara is examining *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, a pathological organism associated with causing nosocomial illnesses in healthcare settings, and its presence in whirlpools commonly used in athletic training rehabilitation settings. This study will attempt to determine at what level *Pseudomonas* is present within the devices used to properly hydrate athletes during participation. O'Meara will conduct the research on campus under her advisor Barbara H. Long, director of athletic training. ■

BC Graduates Join Staff

John Hipps, '84, and **Teshome Molalenge, '87**, joined the Bridgewater College staff this spring. As director of special gifts, Hipps will work with donors of special gifts and planned giving opportunities, such as charitable trusts and gift annuities. Prior to coming to Bridgewater, he worked for 16 years as a financial analyst and manager of financial analysis for Air Products and Chemicals Inc., a Fortune 500 Corporation in Allentown, Pa. He earned an MBA from the College of William and Mary in 1988.

Molalenge is the executive director of budget and support services at the College. After graduating from Bridgewater, he earned a master's degree in economics from the University of Wales in 1989. He had worked at St. John Fisher College in Rochester, N.Y., for the past 15 years, where he most recently served as acting director of facilities service. ■

The Slanting Monster Defense in Football

by Dale Foster, '60

Dale Foster's book from the 1970s made a cameo appearance in the 2003 motion picture "Radio," starring Ed Harris and Cuba Gooding Jr. The defense strategy detailed in the book, popular among high schools and colleges during that era, was key to the success of the football program at Andrew Lee High School in Salem, Va., where Foster was an assistant coach and later retired as assistant principal and athletic director. During a five-year period in the late 1960s, the Wolverines amassed a 45-6-1 record using the defense.

"Radio" is based on the true story of the friendship between football coach Harold Jones (played by Harris) and Radio (played by Gooding), a mentally challenged student at T. L. Hanna High School in Anderson, S.C. Before the movie came out, Foster had no idea that his book would be featured. He found out from his in-laws, who saw the movie when it opened in the theaters.

Published in 1970 by Parker Publishing Co., the book was the Book of the Month for the Coach's Book Club. The book was endorsed by Doug Dickey, former head football coach and athletic director for the University of Tennessee, and Jerry Claiborne, former head football coach at Virginia Tech. Thousands of copies were sold to coaches across the United States and in several foreign countries. The book is still available at Amazon.com. ■ kdb

Bridgewater Celebrates 125 Years

The Bridgewater College community celebrated the 125th anniversary of the College's founding on Tuesday, April 5, during the annual Founder's Day convocation. The occasion also marked the 151st anniversary of the birth of the College's founder, Daniel Christian Flory, an alumnus of the University of Virginia and a young progressive leader in the Church of the Brethren.

Established as the Spring Creek Normal and Collegiate Institute, the school opened its first session on September 6, 1880, with six students, five men and one woman. Nine years later, the school was named Bridgewater College and granted its first bachelor of arts degrees in 1891. The school changed its name to Bridgewater College on July 12, 1889.

During the convocation, Professor Nan R. Covert, associate professor and chair of the art department, received the Martha B. Thornton Faculty Recognition Award, and Dr. Gavin R. Lawson, associate professor and chair of the biology department, received the Ben and Janice Wade Outstanding Teaching award. Two members of the class of 2005, Christina E. Simko and Justin E. Pruett, received Outstanding Leadership Awards.

A Bridgewater faculty member since 1996, **Nan R. Covert** (pictured at left, top) has been chair of the art department since 1997. After graduating from the College of Charleston (S.C.) in 1972 with a bachelor's degree in history, Covert spent the next 16 years raising her two children, teaching art classes in elementary and middle schools, and running a freelance business designing and making Renaissance costumes.

In 1988, she enrolled in art courses

at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro (UNCG), and earned a master of fine arts degree in 1991. Covert was a lecturer in the university's art department until 1996, and she also was an instructor at Guilford College in Greensboro.

Covert's art has been featured in numerous solo and group exhibits at venues that include the Nelson Gallery in Lexington, Va., the White Canvas Gallery in Richmond, Va., the Staunton Augusta Arts Center, the Shenandoah Valley Art Center, the Durham (N.C.) Arts Guild, the Art Museum of Western Virginia in Roanoke, Va., and numerous colleges and universities.

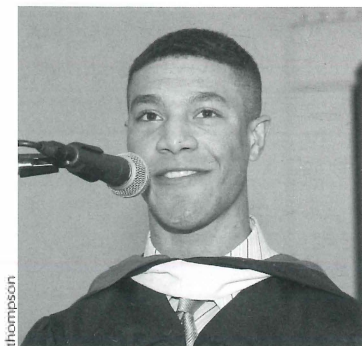
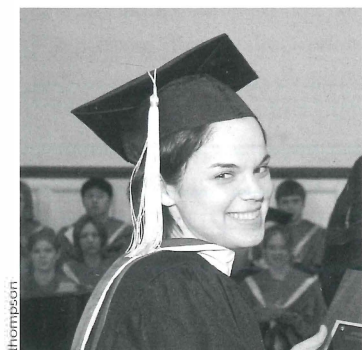
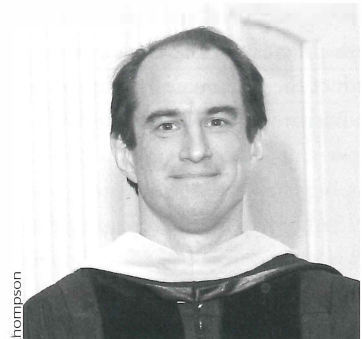
Dr. Gavin Lawson (pictured at left, second from top) has been a member of the Bridgewater faculty since 1997 and became chair of the biology department in 2003. As chair of the Pre-Medical Committee and faculty sponsor of the Pre-Medical Society from 2000 to 2004, Lawson worked to increase awareness of the College among medical schools throughout the state. Since then, Bridgewater College students have been accepted at most of the medical schools in Virginia and West Virginia. Lawson also helped develop the College's new major in environmental science.

Lawson received his bachelor's degree and Ph.D. from the University of Illinois, Urbana. He earned a master's degree at the University of Arizona. He has taught at both universities and received numerous honors, both as a graduate student and as a teacher.

Lawson received the Mednick Fellowship from the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges in 2002 and two grants from the Bridgewater Faculty Research Fund. He was listed in the 2002 edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.

Christina E. Simko, (pictured at left, second from bottom) a sociology major, was a student assistant in the College's department of sociology during the 2004-2005 academic year. In 2003, she was awarded a James S. Kemper Fellowship, which funded her attendance at the summer Institute on Philanthropy and Voluntary Service at the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis.

Simko also has worked as assistant program director at Brethren Woods Camp and Retreat



Center in Harrisonburg, Va., and has been a student assistant and facilitator for Bridgewater College's summer High School Leadership Academy.

On campus, Simko served as secretary of the Student Senate and was a member of the Judicial Hearing Board. A member of the Forensics Union since her freshman year, Simko claimed numerous honors at intercollegiate forensics competitions. She also was assistant editor of *Veritas*, the weekly campus newspaper, and co-president of Temptations, a campus group that promotes alcohol abuse prevention and awareness.

An international studies major, **Justin E. Pruett** (pictured at left, bottom) served two terms as student body president and was vice president of the student body during his sophomore year.

Pruett completed internships with the law firm of Wharton, Aldhizer & Weaver in Harrisonburg, Va., and for the Office of the Mayor in Nashville, Tenn. In January 2002, he participated in the Philanthropic Study of African Development, sponsored by the Lilly Foundation, and traveled to Togo and Benin to observe and promote ECHOPPE, a French-based economic development program for women. That summer, he received a Minority Summer Research Grant from the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges.

A member of the Judicial Hearing Board, Pruett was a member of numerous campus organizations and served as political liaison for the Pre-Law Society. A past orientation leader, Pruett has been a facilitator for the College's annual High School Leadership Academy and served two years on the Bridgewater Relay for Life executive committee.

Both Simko and Pruett were members of the Philomathes Society, Bridgewater's scholastic honor society, and officers for the campus chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership honor society. They were among 20 Bridgewater College seniors who were selected for inclusion in the 2005 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Additionally, Simko was an officer for the campus chapter of Alpha Chi, a national scholastic honor society. ■ kdb

Who's Who at BC?

Twenty seniors were selected for inclusion in the 2005 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Nominated by members of the faculty, the students are cited for academic achievement, community service and leadership activities. This year's honorees are:

Douglas G. Balmer
Manheim, Pa.

Kate Blackman
Hillsboro, W.Va.

Zachary Brandon
Bentonville, Va.

Jarod Wilson Brown
Charles Town, W. Va.

Helena Cardenas
Bridgewater, Va.

Sarah Coffey
Waynesboro, Va.

Katherine Cooper
Hedgesville, W.Va.

Beth Kathleen Eller
Staunton, Va.

Jonathan P. Emmons
Rocky Mount, Va.

Lindsay Kathleen Kahler
Bowie, Md.

Meghan Malehorn
Westminster, Md.

Eric Nolley
Amherst, Va.

Justin E. Pruett
Ocala, Fla.

Katie Schroeder
Elliston, Va.

Christina Simko
Stephens City, Va.

Courtney Sinnott
Grottoes, Va.

Jonathan E. Small
Johnson City, Tenn.

Sarah Snader
Manassas, Va.

Mitchell Troup
Millerstown, Pa.

Anne Elizabeth Yust
Union Bridge, Md.

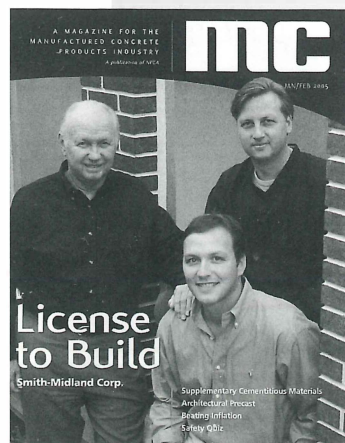
Smith Family Business Featured

Bridgewater College Trustee **Rodney Smith** (pictured below at left) and his sons, **Ashley, '85**, (standing) and **Matthew, '89**, were featured on the cover of the January/February 2005 issue of *MC Magazine*, a publication for the manufactured concrete products industry, for their successful family-owned company, the Smith-Midland Corp.

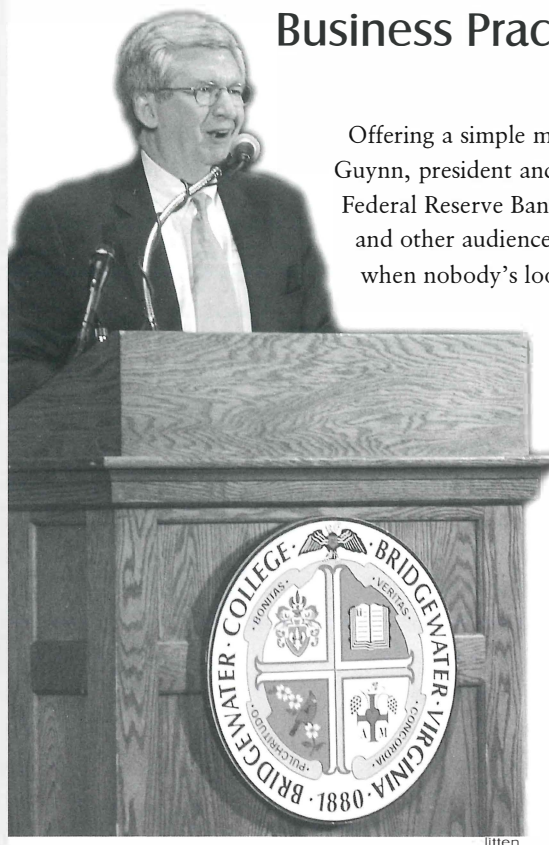
Rodney is president of the company that was established in 1960, when his father David came up with the idea of selling concrete cattle guards to dairy farmers and cattlemen. In the decades since the humble beginnings of the Smith Cattleguard Co., as it was originally known, the Smith family's company has become an internationally known manufacturer and licensing corporation. Three of their most well known pre-cast products are SlenderWall®, an architectural pre-cast concrete, steel-studded exterior wall cladding used for commercial and residential high-rise buildings; J-J Hooks, crash-tested, pre-cast concrete safety barriers; and Easi-Span Buildings, transportable pre-cast concrete buildings.

Smith-Midland's concrete safety barriers were popular with the federal government long before the tragedies of 9/11, but that area of business has taken off since then. The company leased traffic

barriers for the Republican National Convention last August, as well as the presidential inauguration in January. Ashley is the company's vice president of sales and marketing, and Matthew is sales manager of the company's Utility Products Division. ■



Atlanta Fed President Urges Ethical Business Practices



Offering a simple measure of ethical behavior, Jack Guynn, president and chief executive officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, challenged students and other audience members to "Do the right thing when nobody's looking."

The Staunton, Va., native visited Bridgewater College on April 11, delivering his speech, "Ethical Challenges in a Market Economy," for the first-ever Scott Symposium on Business Ethics. While today's competitive marketplace requires a broad understanding of business concepts, Guynn said, an ethical foundation is more important for long-term success.

Citing examples of the headline-making scandals at corporate giants such as Enron, Tyco, WorldCom and Adelphia, Guynn acknowledged that the

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission has, in the past two years, imposed more sanctions on businesses than at any other comparable period in the agency's history. These ethical breaches have had great financial consequences, not only to the employees of the companies, but also to the American public, he said. Even so, "I believe that corruption in business is still the exception and not the norm ... the ability to provide leadership in ethics is more important than ever — for current and future business managers."

While greed and arrogance are major factors contributing to widespread unethical conduct in the corporate world, Guynn said, the rapid advances in technology, making business more complex, and the intense competitive nature of the global marketplace have contributed to the problem. Corporate leaders, particularly board members, must begin to "ask tough questions and intervene in questionable practices," he said.

Ultimately, Guynn said, an ethical foundation for our society must be based on trust. He quoted Albert Einstein, "Every kind of peaceful cooperation among men is primarily based on mutual trust and only secondarily on institutions such as courts of justice and police."

The Scott Symposium on Business Ethics is named in honor of current vice president for institutional advancement, **Charles H. Scott, '65**, and his father, the late **Harvey H. Scott, '35**, who served on the College's Board of Trustees for more than 30 years. The Symposium was developed to foster and encourage a strong foundation of morals and ethics to prepare students to integrate into and face the challenges of a global marketplace. ■ kdb



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Serving While Learning

By Karen Doss Bowman, '91

Parent-teacher conferences in the public schools provide the opportunity for parents to learn about their child's progress in school and areas that might need improvement. For Spanish-speaking parents who know little or no English, the conferences can be intimidating and confusing.

In March, several Bridgewater College Spanish students attempted to break down the language barriers between parents and teachers by serving as interpreters for the conferences. When rising senior Tia Mann began her day at Spotswood Elementary School — where 49 percent of the students speak a native language besides English, primarily Spanish — she had no idea how important her role would be.

The teacher Mann worked with was explaining to a set of parents that their child was constantly distracted in class and seemed to be unable to focus, despite performing well on assignments. Mann translated the teacher's words into Spanish for the parents, who were able to understand Mann and responded that the child had a hearing problem. That was crucial information, which would allow the teacher to change her approach to working with the child.

Mann is just one of many Bridgewater College students who devote hours of volunteer time to charitable organizations located in the Harrisonburg-Rockingham County community, sharing their talents and skills to help others. As part of the Personal Development Portfolio program, Bridgewater students are required to complete at least 10 hours in a service-learning activity each year. Students are encouraged to select service activities that are closely related to their career interests.

"From a pedagogical point of view, service learning is experiential learning," says Chaplain Robbie Miller, who is director of the College's service-learning center. "Service-learning is most effective when it reinforces and expands what students do in the classroom."

Miller emphasizes that requiring students to complete a service-learning component is not "mandated volunteerism." Just as tests and term papers are classroom requirements, service-learning is a part of the educational experience at Bridgewater. "It's not volunteerism or community service," Miller says. "The learning component takes it beyond that."

As a double major in Spanish and allied health sciences, the interpreting work was good practice for Mann. She

and classmate Rebecca Carbaugh also volunteer regularly as English-as-a-second-language (ESL) tutors at North River Elementary School. The two make weekly trips to the school to work with children whose first language is Spanish. Carbaugh also served as an interpreter for the Spotswood parent-teacher conferences.

"What a huge need for anyone who speaks a different language," Carbaugh says. "It serves a need in the community to have people who can speak different languages work with people who are new to our country."

Hopefully, students will select service projects that will be meaningful, Miller says. In doing so, they not only enhance their academic studies, but also may boost their résumés "by demonstrating ethical concern for the community and practical experience in the field," he adds.

Rob Ham, who graduated in 2005 with a biology degree, is one of about eight Bridgewater students who served as a member of the Bridgewater Rescue Squad during the last academic year. With an interest in attending medical school, Ham began volunteering for the squad during his freshman year, knowing that serving as an emergency medical technician would give him excellent hands-on experience.

As a lieutenant for the squad, Ham is responsible for overseeing day-to-day operations in the building when he's on duty. In addition to running on calls, he does some public relations work and takes command of an emergency scene when he's the first responder. The experience has prepared him for the possibility of medical school, or perhaps some other related field.

"Emergency medical services are basically the tip of the scalpel when it comes to medical services," Ham says. "We go to the houses and bring the patients to the hospital. We do advanced airway maneuvers. We do things that only a few doctors even do."

Ham also has learned much about dealing with people and handling difficult situations. Many times, the people who need help don't want it, he says. He's walked into some volatile situations where patients really don't want emergency assistance, particularly when family members have called 911 for them. He's also witnessed tragic scenes that result in death.

"I don't get personally attached because I could never go home at night," he says. "But it's hard with children. The only times it's bothered me is when it involves a child."

While some students like Ham seem to focus their service-learning experiences in one area of interest, other students just

seem to enjoy a broad variety of service projects. Lindsay Kahler, a family and consumer sciences major who graduated in May, is the co-founder and president of the campus chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, a national service fraternity that promotes leadership and service activities. Members of the group are required to commit to a certain number of service hours.

Kahler has organized projects ranging from Christmas caroling at the Bridgewater Retirement Community and sending holiday greetings to the U.S. troops serving overseas to assisting with art shows and class projects at a local elementary school. Encouraged by her parents, she started volunteering with Parks & Recreation in her hometown at age 12. "I wanted to give back for the things I've been given out of integrity and because I see the need," she says.

Sometimes students perform service-learning within organizations that are devoted to professional development. In February, the Bridgewater College chapter of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) was awarded an "I Choose!" grant in the amount of \$5,000 to mentor single, teen-aged mothers who are students at Harrisonburg High School. The Bridgewater students teach the teens life skills that will help them become self-sufficient and hopefully eliminate the need for public welfare assistance in the future.

The SIFE students and their advisor,

Dr. Karen Fritz, associate professor of business administration, began the project during the spring semester, coordinating with the high school's after-school program, Women Educating and Creating Affirmation, Responsibility and Employability (WE CARE), which involves about 20 students. The College students guided the high schoolers through calculating family budgets, opening checking accounts and basic job skills training. Additionally, since some of the teenaged mothers are not U.S. citizens, they were given assistance with English language skills and coached in completing employment forms required by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). The SIFE project will continue this fall.

Ultimately, participating in service-learning projects will help meet the College's mission of sending out graduates who are ethical leaders, capable and willing to make the world a better place. "To some extent, it's a sense of honor because you've reached out to people," Kahler says. "You develop as a leader and develop a compassion for humanity." ■

PHOTOS (previous page) Left: Megan Powell, a rising junior, signs Christmas cards for U.S. troops serving overseas with members of Alpha Phi Omega, a national coed service fraternity. **Right:** BC students Emily Vandevander, '07, (left) and Terisa Chocklett, '07, and Rob Ham, '05, train for their work on the Bridgewater volunteer Rescue Squad.

Service Projects Recently Completed by Bridgewater Students: (not a complete list)

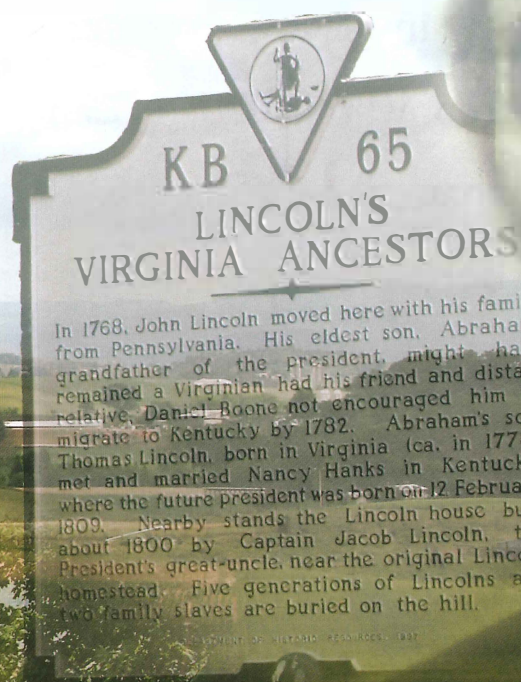
- Horse's Christmas, a joint effort by the BC and JMU equestrian teams. The Christmas pageant features horses dressed in holiday-themed costumes and is performed for local elementary school children.
- The men's basketball team sponsors clinics at local schools after basketball season is over.
- Random Acts of Americana organized a "Hike for Hunger" last fall to raise awareness and money to fight hunger.
- Numerous students volunteer at the Bridgewater Retirement Community throughout the academic year.
- Members of the Catholic Student Organization, CCM, and their advisor, Dr. Chip Studwell, work at the

soup kitchen at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Harrisonburg once a month.

- The Mass Communications Club frequently assists with the local public television station's fundraising auction.
- Students in Mary Frances Heishman's Adapted Recreation Class did several service projects, including sponsoring a clinic for the Challenger Little League children and assisting with Special Olympics.
- Members of Bridgewater's chapter of Habitat for Humanity give up their spring break each year to participate in the international organization's Collegiate Challenge Spring Break. This past February, 15 students traveled to Una, S.C., where they started a building project.

Virginia's Lincoln

By Karen Doss Bowman, '91



In 1768, John Lincoln moved here with his family from Pennsylvania. His eldest son, Abraham, grandfather of the president, might have remained a Virginian had his friend and distant relative, Daniel Boone not encouraged him to migrate to Kentucky by 1782. Abraham's son, Thomas Lincoln, born in Virginia (ca. in 1778), met and married Nancy Hanks in Kentucky, where the future president was born on 12 February 1809. Nearby stands the Lincoln house built about 1800 by Captain Jacob Lincoln, the President's great-uncle, near the original Lincoln homestead. Five generations of Lincolns and two family slaves are buried on the hill.

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Illinois may be the “Land of
Lincoln,” but the 16th U.S.
president’s ancestral roots extend
back to **Virginia**. President
Abraham Lincoln’s great-grandparents,
John and Rebecca Lincoln, arrived
in the **Shenandoah
Valley** in 1768 with their
nine children, who included “Cap-
tain” Abraham, the president’s
grandfather and namesake.

Captain Abraham eventually mar-
ried **Rockingham
County** resident Bathsheba
Herring, and the president’s father

Thomas was born in Virginia.
Around 1782, Captain Abraham
moved his family to Kentucky, where
Thomas grew up and married Nancy
Hanks and where their son — the
future president — was born.

Lincoln has been both revered and despised in Virginia, home of the former Confederacy’s capital. Though some Southerners have vilified the Civil War president’s memory, calling him a racist, a tyrant and a failure, many have put aside the wounds of the American Civil War to recognize the martyred president’s contributions to the United States.

The president’s Virginia connections and a desire to enhance the awareness and appreciation of Lincoln’s legacy prompted Dr. Phillip Stone, president of Bridgewater College and a longtime admirer of Abraham Lincoln, to form the Lincoln Society of Virginia. The Society held its inaugural meeting at the College on May 2 with a symposium titled, “How Should Virginia View Abraham Lincoln?”

Guest speakers for the event were Joseph Garrera, president of the Abraham Lincoln Group of New York; Dr. Thomas F. Schwartz, the Illinois state historian and secretary of the Abraham Lincoln Association; Dr. Edward Steers Jr., author of several books on the Civil War and Abraham Lincoln, including *His Name is Still Mudd and Blood on the Moon: The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln*; Martin Moran, president of the United States Historical Society; and David Frech, sculptor of the statue of Lincoln and his son, Tad, in Richmond, Va.

“Abraham Lincoln is a significant player in American history,” Stone told the crowd gathered for the group’s first meeting. “For those of us who have come to love and respect his memory, I think we find that we’re very much inspired by Abraham Lincoln. It’s not just a matter of curiosity and intellectual interest — it’s a matter of reading about greatness in a way that inspires us to want to be better ourselves, to see our country become better, and to see the idealistic image he seemed to have of

The photo collage on the preceding page features a background picture of the Shenandoah Valley landscape. (Photo by Tommy Thompson) Pictured in the lower left-hand corner is the Lincoln Homestead, built around 1800 by Jacob Lincoln, a son of “Virginia John” and the brother of Captain Abraham, the president’s grandfather. Pictured in the center is the historical marker located at the Lincoln Homestead. The photo of Abraham Lincoln is courtesy of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library.

what America ought to be and what he thought it would become.”

Stone led the Society’s inauguration ceremony at the Lincoln family cemetery on farmland near Harrisonburg, Va., where he has held a public service honoring the president’s birthday on Feb. 12 every year since 1976. Five generations of the Lincoln family are buried there, including the president’s great-grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins and two of the family’s slaves.

In his opening charter statement, Stone said the Society, will “commemorate and disseminate information about Lincoln family connections in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, protect and preserve Lincoln landmarks in the Shenandoah Valley and support efforts to interpret Abraham Lincoln, his life, work and legacy — particularly in Virginia.”

A Virginia Perspective

For a number of years, Stone has considered the idea of establishing a Lincoln organization that would preserve historic sites related to Lincoln in the Shenandoah Valley. But this was a project Stone thought he might tackle after retirement. The idea was moved to fast-forward in 2003, however, after Stone attended a ceremony in Richmond, Va., where a statue of Lincoln and his son, Tad, was dedicated amid the reviling — and very loud — protests of “Lost Cause” supporters. A prop plane even flew over the gathered crowd, trailing a banner that read “Sic Semper Tyrannis,” quoting John Wilkes Booth as he shot the president in Ford’s Theatre.

After this experience, Stone was very concerned about the misconceptions of Abraham Lincoln among some Southerners. And as a seventh-genera-

tion Virginian (on both sides of his family), Stone said he felt “fully qualified to speak from the perspective of a Virginian in interpreting Abraham Lincoln.” He said that he believes the Lincoln Society of Virginia is the first organization of its kind in the South.

Always interested in history, Stone said he admires and respects the history of Virginia and in addition to



courtesy of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library

Lincoln, the American historical figures he respects most are two Virginians: founding father George Washington and Confederate general Robert E. Lee.

“Is the only way to honor Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson and others to hate Lincoln? No, that’s not Virginia’s position,” Stone said during the symposium’s opening session. Following the war, Lee began immediately to call for a healing of the nation’s wounds, Stone noted. And in 1928, not too long after the Civil War’s end and when many

Confederate veterans were still alive, the Virginia General Assembly adjourned to honor Lincoln’s birthday.

“So we will honor the legacy, the heritage, the memory of Abraham Lincoln,” Stone said, “and put a proper perspective on the Virginia point of view.”

Though he can’t help rooting for Lee, Stonewall Jackson and the other Southern generals when reading Civil War books or watching movies from the era, Stone said that he is glad the Union was preserved and slavery abolished.

“Lincoln was interested in more than protecting American boundaries,” Stone said. “He saw the Union as the vehicle for the preservation of the values of self-government, equality before the law and individual freedoms. If it failed, since there was no other comparable experiment in the world, the values might also die.”

Indeed, Lincoln’s idealism and belief in the values of democracy are admired throughout the world. Schwartz, the Illinois state historian, cited the example of Albania, a nation formerly under Communist rule that is now a democracy. The country has a Lincoln center in the capital of Tirana, “in the house of a Communist dictator,” he said. Other countries have Lincoln societies, he noted, including Japan.

The fact that a Lincoln society has been formed in Virginia, “the cradle of the Confederacy,” is significant, Schwartz said. “You can be proud of the South — Southern traditions and Southern heritage — yet also understand the importance of the contributions that [Lincoln] made.”

No Hero Worship

While the majority of people who are members of the many Lincoln societies throughout the nation are sure

to have mostly positive feelings toward the president, such organizations should avoid becoming engaged in “hero worship,” said Joe Garrera, president of the Lincoln Group of New York. “We are interested in looking at Lincoln as a human being with frailties.”

Garrera said that it’s important for Lincoln admirers to listen to the critics and to understand their perspectives on the president’s shortcomings. “The critics do us a favor,” he said. “We need to be able to argue both sides.”

Tom Schwartz said that he was most troubled that the Civil War wasn’t just a military effort – “there was a great deal of politics tied to the war.” Many of those put into high-ranking, command positions were not necessarily the best leaders, Schwartz explained. Stone added that he does not believe Lincoln had a good plan for communicating with seceding states. Even though the war probably was inevitable, Stone said, Lincoln seems to have been ill-prepared for the violence that would come, “apparently believing, naively, that [the Southern states] would not really stay out [of the Union] or engage in violence to secede.”

Despite having open minds to criticism about Lincoln, the panelists had very little negative to say about him. “One of the things that makes Lincoln so popular with me and with so many of us today,” said Garrera, “is that he dealt with what I call transcendent universal issues – issues that still bedevil us to this day: freedom, equality, national indivisibility. They’re still with us.”

Lincoln the Leader

Abraham Lincoln presents a good model of leadership that is still relevant today, the speakers agreed. The largely self-educated president was an eloquent speaker who is still quoted frequently, Schwartz said. Additionally, the president, unafraid to face challenges to his point of view, invited his critics to serve in leadership posts during his administration. “He didn’t just fill the Cabinet with people who were going to agree with him,” Schwartz said.

Lincoln was a great compromiser who could see to the heart of every problem, Steers added. Throughout his term, the president made difficult deci-



sions as he focused on his ultimate goal of saving the Union. Moran, of the U.S. Historical Society, described Lincoln as a very spiritual man who believed that it was his divine calling to preserve the United States.

“I think he perceived himself as a cog in God’s evolutionary wheel,” Moran said.

Moran was involved in the project commissioning the statue of Lincoln and Tad that was placed in Richmond, where the United States Historical Society is based. The organization believed it was important to bring Abraham Lincoln to Richmond, he explained, to honor the slain president’s role in saving the country. Many Virginians reacted with anger, some sending hate messages to sculp-

Above Inset: A bronze miniature of the statue of Abraham and Tad Lincoln, which was dedicated on April 5, 2003, on the anniversary of their 1865 visit to Richmond. **Below, Left:** Dr. Phillip Stone speaks to the crowd gathered at the Lincoln family cemetery. The Lincoln Society of Virginia was officially inaugurated at this site. **Right:** Bronze busts of Lincoln and the presidential seal were among more than 100 rare Lincoln relics that were on display during the Lincoln Symposium. Most of the items were from Lincoln’s era and came from the collection of Joseph Garrera, one of the guest speakers. *Photos on this and the following page by Allen Litten.*



tor David Frech. Though Moran said protestors at the the statue's dedication "rained on my parade," he accepted that they came to symbolize the hatred and racial divisions that continue to plague our country to this day.

The statue portrays Lincoln and his son sitting on a bench, looking as if they

are reflecting quietly. Moran pointed out that the statue was placed on the ground level, rather than raised up on a pedestal, to symbolize that the president was a common man – "The people's president." This position makes the president approachable for all time, he said.

The Lincoln Society of Virginia

hopes to make Abraham Lincoln more accessible to the general public by generating awareness of the president's legacy and contributions as the nation's leader during the Civil War. Lincoln saved the Union, the speakers agreed, and for that, all Americans should be grateful. ■



About the Symposium Speakers

(pictured above (L to R) as listed below)

David Frech, sculptor of the life-sized Lincoln statue in Richmond, is based at the world-famous Tallix Fine Arts foundry of Beacon, N.Y., and has worked on national monuments, political and historical portraits, in the film industry and on private commissions. A recipient of the Ludwig Vogelstein Foundation Grant, the Roger T. Williams Prize and the Leonard J. Meiselman Memorial Award, he was elected a professional member of the National Sculpture Society in 2001.

Joseph E. Garrera, in his seventh year as president of the Abraham Lincoln Group of New York, has authored more than 50 articles that have appeared in magazines, scholarly journals and newspapers. His work has been written about in publications such as *The New York Times*, *USA Today* and in *The Times* of London. Having organized and participated in more than 100 public programs on the life and accomplishments of Abraham Lincoln, he has appeared on PBS television and on C-Span. For more than 20 years, Garrera has been assembling one of the largest Lincoln collections in the United States, containing more than 2,000 books and pamphlets, over 100 framed images and more than 50 pieces of statuary. Among the prize items is a rare 1860 original photograph taken by John Adams Whipple that portrays Lincoln and two of his sons in front of their Springfield, Ill., home.

Martin J. Moran is president of the United States Historical Society, a non-profit educational organization, based in Richmond, that is responsible for commissioning the placement of the life-size bronze statue of Lincoln and his young son, Tad, in Richmond. He has worked to provide educational, authentic and historically significant commemorative works of art for a wide variety of institutions, including the U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation, the American Red Cross, NASA, the Smithsonian

Institution and Canterbury Cathedral. Prior to joining the USHS 20 years ago, Moran was a teacher, coach and public speaker devoted to leadership development.

Dr. Thomas F. Schwartz is the Illinois state historian. He was one of the key collaborators for the award-winning exhibition, "The Last Best Hope of Earth: Abraham Lincoln and the Promise of America," which appeared at the Chicago Historical Society in the late-1990s. He has served as a historical consultant for numerous documentaries and has appeared on the Today Show, the History Channel and C-Span. He is senior editor of the prestigious *Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association*, historical advisor for the *Journal of Illinois History* and serves on a number of boards and commissions dealing with history, education and culture. He is the chief historian for exhibits and content in the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and is director of research and special collections in the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library in Springfield, Ill.

Dr. Edward Steers, Jr., former president of the Lincoln Group of D.C., is author of six books and more than 40 articles about Abraham Lincoln, including *His Name is Still Mudd* and *Blood on the Moon: The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln*, a selection of the History Book Club. An associate editor for *North & South* magazine, he was a review editor for *Lincoln Herald*. He has appeared on numerous national television programs, including C-Span's BookNotes and Washington Journal, NBC's Today Show and the History Channel's Hard Cover History.

Dr. Phillip C. Stone, president of the newly formed Lincoln Society of Virginia, has been president of Bridgewater College for 11 years. A former president of the Virginia Bar Association, Stone previously was an attorney in private practice for 24 years. For almost 30 years, Stone has studied Lincoln's Virginia connections and has been a frequent speaker on Lincoln. ■

A photograph of a man standing in a theater aisle. The theater has rows of blue seats and a wooden stage. The man is standing in the aisle, smiling, with his arms crossed. The background shows the theater's interior, including doors and exit signs.

The Magic of Theater

By JESSICA CLARKE

Ralph MacPhail Jr. started his first year at Bridgewater College planning to major in business because he wanted to run a magic shop.

Early on, he dropped the business aspiration. But he never let go of magic.

MacPhail's association with the college has been a fairy tale of fulfilled dreams, as wholesome as the Howdy Doody memorabilia he collects, as feel-good as the Gilbert and Sullivan productions he directs.

In the fall, for the first time since 1972, when MacPhail began teaching English and drama at the college, someone else will be director of The Pinion Players, the student theater group. MacPhail, 62, retires this summer after directing 66 main-stage plays and musicals, 11 children's plays and dozens of one-act productions at Bridgewater. MacPhail's successor will be Scott Cole, a graduate of Colby College and Brown University, who is pursuing a Ph.D. from the University of Washington.

Since MacPhail came to campus as a freshman in 1961, the college has been his center stage.

Involvement in his first production, "Outward Bound," that fall led MacPhail to his future wife, Alice Hoffman in the class of 1964, who did his makeup for the show.

MacPhail told his parents that first semester he wanted to spend his life at the college. "But I had no idea how I could do it," he recalls.

He found a way through theater.

MacPhail, an English major who graduated in 1965, earned an M.F.A. in theater from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1972. He returned to Bridgewater to teach and direct The Pinion Players after Frank Fuller Jr., the

college's first full-time theater professional, left.

"It's never far from my mind, the fact that the dream of a college freshman came true. There's nowhere else I'd rather be. I've never taken that for granted," MacPhail says.

Before he returned to Bridgewater, MacPhail's life had plenty of drama – and romance.

A year teaching English at Harrisonburg High School. A three-year stint in the Army, including a year in Vietnam, before discharge as a 1st Lt. in 1970.

And a wedding. The MacPhails married in 1968 in the former Bridgewater Church of the Brethren, now the Carter Center on campus.

The couple lives on Broad Street in the house in which MacPhail's mother grew up. She and other relatives attended Bridgewater. His uncle, the late R. Douglas Nininger, for whom Nininger Hall was named, was chairman of the College's Board of Trustees.

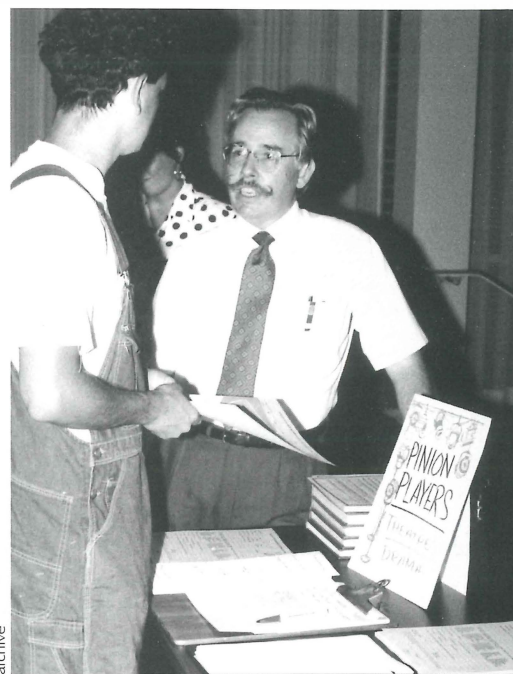
MacPhail had plenty of drama as a student at Bridgewater, too.

In The Pinion Players, he acted, directed, built sets and worked with lighting. As a junior and senior, he received The Pinion Player Award for the greatest overall contribution to theater.

"That was an affirmation because [theater] was what killed my grade point average," MacPhail says.

He tried to prevent that with students he directed.

Randy Fullerton, a 1975 gradu-



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ate who was involved with The Pinion Players, recalls that MacPhail made sure students in theater paid attention to their studies.

MacPhail "successfully was able to assess what students need in that particular setting," says Fullerton, managing director of creative initiatives at Emory University's Emory College. "He was providing the environment for them to really nurture any theater ability they have."

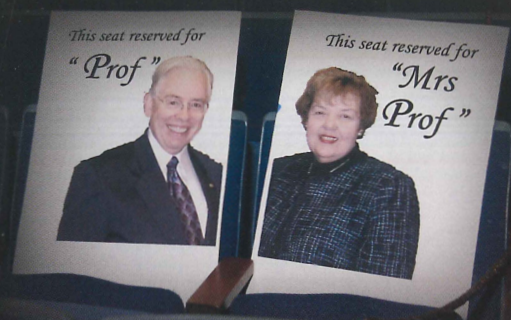
MacPhail's wife and another part-time assistant helped him with the theater program. "Here you work with who you have and help them realize what their talents are," he says.

He will miss working with students, some of whom were children of his former students.

Top right corner: MacPhail talks to students interested in joining The Pinion Players in this undated photo. Notice the handlebar moustache, which was a MacPhail trademark for years.

Below: Pictures from the "MacPhail Revue," held during Alumni Weekend. (Photos by Tommy Thompson) **A:** (l to r) Mike Palmer, '85, Robin Lowry Pevarnik, '82, Mark Wray, '82, Thomas Pevarnick (not a BC grad), and Faye Miller, '81, perform an original skit in honor of MacPhail. **B:** Heidi Gardner Knott, '97, as Helen Keller and Kimberlee Gibson, '95, as Annie Sullivan perform a scene from The Miracle Worker. **C:** Cathy Slusher sings "I'm Called Little Buttercup" from Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore," with Lucy the chicken.





"There's a real vitality working with young people," says MacPhail, who watched each performance of every production in the audience. "My payoff is sitting out there seeing them succeed. I always feel like a proud papa."

And some students, including Katie Schroeder, consider the MacPhails, whom they call Prof. and Mrs. Prof., a second set of parents.

"The most important thing I have learned from him is the practice of giving everyone a chance," says Schroeder, a 2005 graduate from Elliston who majored in biology with a minor in theater. "He takes people who have never been on stage and makes them into some of the best actors and actresses we have, but really all they needed was a chance and someone to have faith in them."

MacPhail's faith helped students feel proud of themselves.

"He views [theater] more as an opportunity to show off the students, to let the students shine. He could bring the best out of you without making it feel like it was work," says Neva Clayton of Bridgewater, a 1973 graduate who was in The Pinion Players and now runs a massage therapy school.

This spring, MacPhail staged his last production, the somber "Ordinary People," at the college. Though he directed the play on campus in the 1990s, too, change is part of theater's appeal for him.

Different sets, props and play content, different students. "It's not like building the same doghouse twice a year," says MacPhail, whose son, Alexander, is a 1997 graduate of Bridgewater and was involved with The Pinion Players.

Students' displays of esteem for MacPhail covered his office in Cole Hall, cast gifts that reflect productions: tennis shoes from "The Runner Stumbles," a shovel from "The Vigil," a toy pistol from "Rehearsal for Murder," a model airplane from "All My Sons."

MacPhail left the office, with a sign that reads "Howdy Doody for President" outside the door, to take a space at the library.

His new quarters will have little room for "The Howdy Doody Show" memorabilia from MacPhail's collection.

MacPhail grew up in Arlington watching the television show with marionettes that delighted children in the 1940s and 1950s. In 1980 he started his collection, which now has hundreds of items: a watch, slippers, marionettes, shoe polish, books, photographs, scripts, toys and other memorabilia. He has displayed the collection at the college.

MacPhail affords the magic of Howdy Doody treasures by performing his own

magic, in shows at bridal showers, parties and for church and civic groups. He gave his first magic show at 12 for \$5 at Arlington's Moose Lodge.

The comic operas of Gilbert and Sullivan, the 19th century British duo of W.S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan, provide more magic for MacPhail.

He calls them "G-rated works in an R-rated world" and likes the playfulness and lighthearted music. "They're still fresh today," MacPhail says.

Gilbert and Sullivan will keep him busy in retirement.

This summer MacPhail is staging one of the pair's productions, "The Mikado," for the Austin Gilbert and Sullivan Society, a community theater group in Texas. He will teach a course on the duo for an Elderhostel program in Connecticut and at a retirement community in Oregon this year. And MacPhail wants to write a book about productions of "The Mikado" by black groups in the 1930s.

Over the years, MacPhail has lent his director's hand to productions off campus for community theater groups, the Richmond Opera Company and other organizations.

But "Every time we come back on Route 257 [in Bridgewater], we quote Dorothy [in "The Wizard of Oz"]:

That's magic.

Top Left Corner: These cardboard cutouts reserved Prof. and Mrs. Prof's VIP seating at the MacPhail Revue.

"MacPhail Revue" photos continued
D: Alexander MacPhail, '97, as his father, the director. E: Ann Miller Andrus, '75, demonstrates how MacPhail would pound a broom in the aisle to urge the cast to pick up the pace. F: Ken Stroupe, '89, reminisces with the audience before performing a monologue from "I Never Sang for My Father."



Back on the Home Court

By Steve Cox, '81

Marsha Kinder has spent many hours since she was a young girl shooting hoops in Nininger Hall.

As one of the top high school players in the state of Virginia, Kinder honed her shooting skills at Bridgewater College, where her father Tom worked as the director of athletics. Shooting jump shot after jump shot in Nininger Hall laid the groundwork for a Division I basketball career.

After graduating from nearby Turner Ashby High School in 2000, Kinder enrolled at West Virginia University on a basketball scholarship. Soon after that, personal setbacks and illness derailed her basketball career for a time.

Kinder began a long battle with severe anorexia and bulimia that nearly claimed her life. For the next five years, she struggled with the eating disorders, as well as her father's sudden death from a heart attack and her mother's fall that resulted in a fractured skull.

In the spring of 2002, she moved closer to home to be with her family and enrolled at James Madison University, where she joined the Dukes basketball team. Again, illness and injury stalled her comeback attempts.

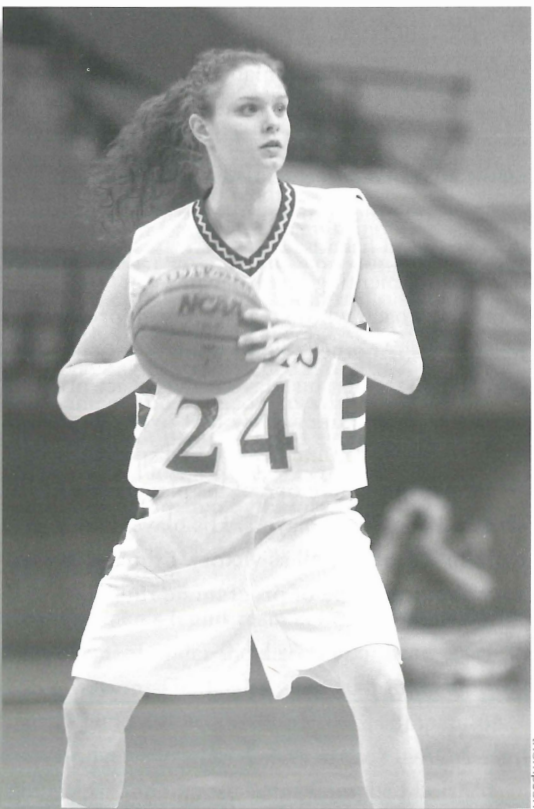
After undergoing intense rehabilitation for the eating disorders, Kinder returned to the basketball court last fall — this time within the friendly and familiar confines of Nininger Hall as a member of the Eagles' basketball team. She is a rising senior majoring in allied health sciences.

Kinder averaged almost eight points a game and shot 33 percent from 3-point range and almost 90 percent from the foul line. Kinder played an average of 20 minutes a game, helping the Eagles finish the year with a 22-6 record and a trip to the ODAC tournament championship game, where they lost to eventual national runner-up Randolph-Macon.

Kinder's comeback efforts were rewarded when she was selected as a finalist for the 2005 V Foundation Comeback Award given by the V Foundation for Cancer Research in collaboration with ESPN. The award is presented in memory of Jim Valvano, the late basketball coach and ESPN commentator, whose personal battle with cancer inspired the creation of The V Foundation. In his memorable speech at ESPN's inaugural ESPY Awards announcing the creation of The V Foundation, Valvano's "Don't Give Up ... Don't Ever Give Up!" motto created a legacy from which the Comeback Award has been created.

More than 50-student athletes from across America were nominated for the award, and Kinder was one of 17 finalists selected.

"It was really great to see Marsha back on the court and being able to contribute on a collegiate team," Bridgewater head women's basketball coach Jean Willi says. "She was a true perimeter threat for us. I think she laid the foundation for what will hopefully be a good senior season for her."



Leatherman Marks 300

By Steve Cox, '81

Bridgewater College head basketball coach Bill Leatherman reached another career milestone this past season when he recorded his 300th career victory at the College.

Leatherman recorded victory No. 300 on Jan. 21 when the Eagles defeated rival Eastern Mennonite, 80-75, on the Royals' home court. The veteran coach ended the season with a career record of 303 victories and 216 losses.

As a former player at Bridgewater and currently as an assistant coach, PW Weller has been a part of more than 130 of those 300 victories.

"It has been a tremendous pleasure to both play for and work with Coach Leatherman over the last nine years," Weller says. "The most impressive thing about Coach is that he once told me that there has never been a day where he has not looked forward to going to work. There are not too many people out there who can honestly say that. That statement speaks volumes about his love not only for the sport of basketball but for his players as well."

This past season, the Eagles finished with a 17-9 record in the tough Old Dominion Athletic Conference. Leatherman, who just completed his 20th season as the Eagles' head coach, was voted the ODAC Coach of the Year by the conference coaches — the fourth time he has received the award. He also was named the South Region Coach of the Year by the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

In addition to their accomplishments on the basketball court, Leatherman's players excel in the classroom. This past season, junior Clay Michael was named to the District III College Division All-Academic first team and was the ODAC Men's Basketball Scholar Athlete of the Year. During Leatherman's 20 years at Bridgewater, only one of his former players has not graduated.

"Coach Leatherman is truly dedicated to academics before athletics," Weller says. "I have gotten to know Coach as well as anyone over



the last nine years, and I can say that without a doubt there isn't a coach out there anywhere who could have better prepared me for a profession in coaching."

Roanoke College head coach Page Moir has coached against Leatherman in the ODAC for the past 16 years. Many games between the two coaches have been intense, because often their teams are ranked in the ODAC's top half, Moir says. Despite the competition, he and Leatherman are good friends.

Complimenting Leatherman as an "outstanding" coach whose teams are well prepared, Moir adds, "Another thing I think is very important is the fact that his players always act in the right way. I can honestly say that over the years, I can't remember an incident of bad sportsmanship — an incident where one of his players tried to show up one of my players. His players are gracious in defeat as well as victory. I think that says a lot about the type of program he runs." ■

Sports Wrap

BASEBALL

The baseball team turned in another solid season under veteran head coach Curt Kendall as the Eagles won the ODAC regular season title with a 15-3 record.

Sophomore Jimmy Greene anchored a solid pitching staff that finished the season with a 3.43 ERA. Greene was ranked No. 12 in the nation in earned run average at the end of the regular season.

Sophomore Justin Showalter led the offense with a .349 batting average. Ricky Read, another sophomore, turned in another solid season as he hit .315 with a team-leading seven home runs. Read also was 5-0 on the mound with a 3.22 ERA.

The season came to a disappointing end at the ODAC tournament as the Eagles lost two straight. Bridgewater lost to eventual champion Hampden-Sydney, 6-4, and then was eliminated by Lynchburg, 9-7.

SOFTBALL

The Bridgewater softball team finished the season with a 24-18 record, the eighth straight season the Eagles have won at least 23 games.

Freshman Jennifer Hall led the Eagles offense with a .382 batting average and three homers. Marlo Powell led the Eagles on the mound with a 2.13 ERA and a 10-6 record.

Meredith Carter, the team's only senior, was having a stellar season before breaking her leg and missing the final 11 games. Carter finished the year with a .340 batting average.

The Eagles were seeded No. 4 at the ODAC tournament and opened play with a 4-3 victory over Guilford. BC then faced eventual champion Roanoke and lost a close 4-2 contest. The Eagles were then eliminated by Emory & Henry, 4-1.

MEN'S TENNIS

The men's tennis team continued to show improvement under the direction of head coach Steve Watson. The Eagles were 10-5 in dual matches and 4-4 against conference competition.

Bridgewater placed sixth at the ODAC Championships. Sophomore Brent Campbell finished

third at No. 6 singles, and sophomore Ryan Smith was fourth at No. 4 singles. David Behm and Jarod Spessard, both juniors, reached the title match at No. 2 doubles and finished second. Behm and Spessard were named to the All-ODAC second team at the No. 2 doubles position.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

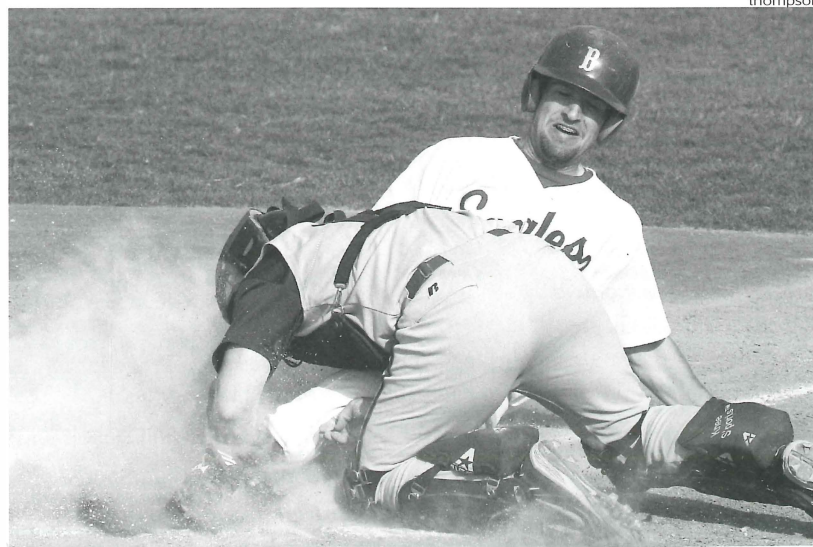
The women's tennis team finished with an 11-5 record in dual match play and 6-4 against ODAC competition. The Eagles placed seventh at the ODAC Championships.

Freshman Hilary Teeter finished second at No. 3 singles and was named to the ODAC All-Tournament team. Teeter partnered with fellow freshman Diana Ricker to place second in the No. 2 doubles flights. Two more freshmen, Brittany VanWickler and Sharon Sweet, finished third at No. 3 doubles.

GOLF

The Bridgewater golf team capped off a successful season with a fourth-place finish at the ODAC Championship tournament. Freshman Shawn Harper tied for fifth place to lead the Eagles at the tournament and was named to the ODAC All-Tournament team. Grady Ruckman, a sophomore, was named to the All-ODAC second team.

During the season, the Eagles won three tournaments – the 12-team Ted Keller *(continued)*



Invitational, the nine-team Buck Leslie Memorial and the six-team Lynchburg Invitational. Ruckman earned medalist honors at the Buck Leslie tournament, while Harper won the Ted Keller Invitational.

MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK

The Bridgewater College men's track team placed third at the ODAC Championship meet.

Senior Ricky Easterling set a new championship meet record when he cleared 7 feet, ¼ inch in the high jump. The winning jump qualified Easterling for the NCAA Division III national championship meet, the third straight year he has qualified in the event.

Winning events at the ODAC meet and earning first-team All-ODAC honors were junior Clay Hall in the shot put and freshman Melvin Queen in the 100 meters. The 400-meter relay team of Queen, Young and sophomores Robbie Matthews and Paul Bradley also took first place.

Earning second-team All-ODAC honors with second-place efforts at the championship meet were sophomore Price Ward in the triple jump, Hall in the discus and sophomore Winston Young in the 100 meters.



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WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK

The women's track team placed fourth at the ODAC championship meet.

Sophomore April Miller set a new championship meet record with a winning throw 40.66 meters in the hammer. Joining Miller on the All-ODAC first team was senior Kathryn Tice who won the javelin. The 400-meter relay team, consisting of sophomore Julia Barb, freshman Jessica Timberlake, junior Abby Burkholder and freshman Carrie Lamond, also took first place.

Earning second-team All-ODAC honors with second-place efforts at the championship meet were sophomore Kim Johnston in the 100-meter hurdles, Barb in the 400-meter hurdles and senior Anna Manikus in the high jump.

RIDING TEAM

The Bridgewater College riding team closed out another successful season as the Eagles tied for third place at the ODAC championship show.

Allison Noe was named the top freshman point rider at the ODAC show.

Five Bridgewater riders — juniors Alissa Hannan, Katie Grove and Julia Moore, and seniors April Elliot and Alexis Starer — qualified for the regional show hosted by Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

Hannan, Grove and Starer then advanced to Zones competition that was hosted by Hollins University.

LACROSSE

The lacrosse team finished the season with a 2-14 record, posting wins over Wittenberg and Hollins.

Sophomore Lauren Smith led the Eagles in goals scored with 22 and draw controls. She was third on the team in caused turnovers. Senior co-captain Jamie Etzler was fourth in caused turnovers and second in ground balls. Another senior, Michelle Miller, was second on the team in scoring with 16 goals. ■ sdc

FOOTBALL 2005

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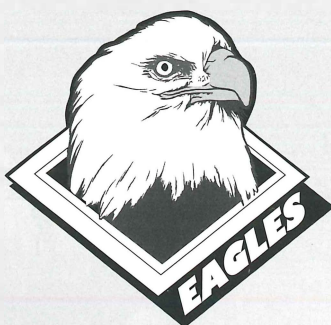
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| 22 | Emory & Henry* | 1 PM |
| 29 | Washington & Lee* | 1 PM |

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| 5 | RANDOLPH MACON* | 1 PM |
| | <i>FAMILY WEEKEND</i> | |
| 12 | CATHOLIC* | 1 PM |

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Concert Choir's Faithful Fan

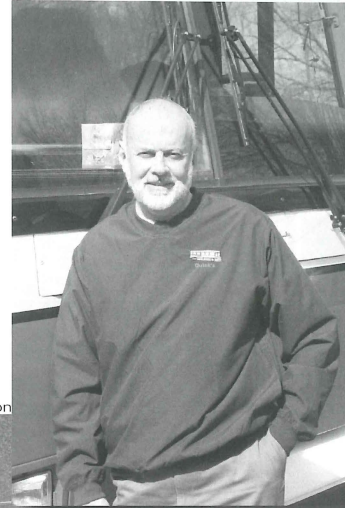
During the past four years, **David Houff, '67**, has become the unofficial driver for the Bridgewater College Concert Choir. It was by chance that the part time driver for Quick's Bus Company was first assigned to drive the choir on a spring weekend trip. But since then, he and Dr. Jesse Hopkins, the Edwin L. Turner Distinguished Professor of Music and director of the choir, have mutually requested Houff as the driver for the choir's spring tour trips.

A retired computer information manager for Augusta County Schools, Houff speaks highly of the Bridgewater students and says he's enjoyed getting to know them. The 11 senior choir members who graduated in May were freshmen when Houff began driving for the choir.

"I've really gotten to know them," he says. "I've talked to them about their future plans. All of the students are great."

Houff attends most of the concerts throughout a tour weekend, even though they are repeat performances. A perk of this driving gig: "I get to eat good food!" he says, referring to the potluck dinners choir members enjoy at the host churches, famous to anyone who's been a member of the singing group.

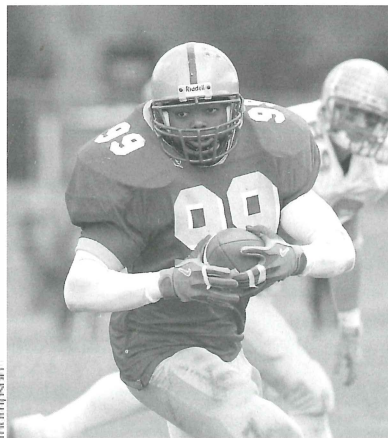
Since 1997, Houff has worked part time for Quick's Bus Company, a charter bus company based in Staunton, Va. He also has transported other Bridgewater groups, including Eagles football fans, cheerleaders and the Screamin' Eagles Pep Band. ■ kdb



Second Chance in the NFL

Last summer, **Jermaine Taylor, '04**, became the first Bridgewater graduate to enter the NFL when he signed with the Green Bay Packers. As he made his way through a series of roster cuts, Eagles' fans held their collective breath. But the last gasp came in September when Taylor was let go during the team's final cuts. His hopes of an NFL career seemed to end.

Not to worry. Taylor's second chance came in March, when the former consensus All-American linebacker signed as a free agent with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. According to the Bucs'



Web site, "The 5-10, 215-pound Taylor fits the mold of many Buccaneer linebackers – fast and, by some team's standards, undersized – and is a potential impact player on special teams."

During Taylor's four seasons as a starter with the Eagles, the program compiled a 45-6 record, and he set a school record during his senior year with 148 tackles in 14 games to go. A former standout of the Eagles' track team, Taylor won three conference championships in the 100-meter dash.



Williams Leads Community Gospel Choir

About a year ago, **Sarah Williams, '99**, had the idea of starting a gospel community choir in the Shenandoah Valley. For a while, she put it off, she says, because the timing didn't seem right, and "honestly, I kept thinking, 'who on Earth is going to come to a white woman's gospel choir?'"

The former high school choir director finally decided to put her faith to task and announced the group's first practice to take place in March. She was afraid no one would show up, but almost 20 people showed up for the first practice. The group, called "Unified," represents a diversity of races and ethnicities — even some Jewish and Palestinian singers, says Williams, who now works full time as director of development for the Harrisonburg-Rockingham County Salvation Army.

The choir's primary goal, Williams says, is to "lift up the name of Christ." Additionally, the group reaches out to the community with worship and praise, and the members provide personal and spiritual support for one another. ■

BC Grads Coaching Champions

Two Bridgewater College graduates who are high school basketball coaches led their teams to Group AA Virginia state basketball titles in March. **Paul Hatcher, '66**, coached his Robert E. Lee High School boys' basketball team to the state championship, while **Chris Dodson, '91**, coached the girls' team at Spotswood High School to their victory.

For Hatcher's team, the state title is its

second in a row. It is the fourth championship for Hatcher, who is the winningest coach in Virginia High School League history.

Dodson led his team to the school's first-ever state championship title. He was named Coach of the Year by the Virginia High School League, the Associated Press and the *Shenandoah Valley Hit*. Additionally, he was selected to coach the Virginia High School League All-Star Game in July. ■

Alumni Weekend 2005 Class of 1955

Front Row: Patricia Richardson Creange, Fern Jenkins Washburn, Betty Halterman Kline, Pauline Gilbert Miller, Doris Ann Craun Slusser

Second Row: Eleanor Crist Mason, Esther Chambers Wolfe, Mary Alice Ankrum Bowman, Frances Fulcher Forrer, Frank W. Lambert Jr.

Third Row: Frank Huffman, Elaine Eye Craig, Betty Ann Phillips Rice, Jo Annis Humbert Eller, Anna Jean May Driver, John R. Wagner

Fourth Row: Wallace Hatcher, Eleanor Lockridge Bowman, H. William Mason, Pasco "Bud" Bowman, Doris Niswander Albaugh, Herschel R. Fike, Shelvin L. Arey, Charles W. Blair



Alumni Association Presents Awards

As part of the Alumni Weekend celebration on April 15 and 16, the Bridgewater College Alumni Association presented its annual awards during the Ripples Society Banquet and the Alumni Banquet. Six Bridgewater College alumni were recognized for their noteworthy accomplishments in their careers or service to their communities.

Elbridge "Ed" H. Callahan

Ripples Society Medal

Ed H. Callahan enjoyed a successful career, spanning 50 years, in the furniture industry. A 1951 graduate of Bridgewater College, the Martinsville, Va., native began his career in his hometown and moved with his family to Atlanta, in 1956, where he established and was president of Ed Callahan Furniture Associates Inc.

Callahan served as president of the Georgia Home Furnishings Representatives Association and was a member of the board of governors for the Atlanta Merchandise Mart. He received a Man of Merit Award from the Georgia Retail Furniture Association, and the Georgia Home Furnishings Representatives Association dedicated its 1989 annual publication in his honor. In 2001, Ed was honored at the International Home Furnishings Market Center in High Point, N.C., for 50 years of continuous service to the home furnishings industry.

A former U.S. Merchant Marine and U.S. Army soldier, serving both in the Pacific and stateside with the 82nd Airborne Division during World War II, Callahan has been an active leader with the Boy Scouts of America and is an ordained elder in the Presbyterian church.

Callahan also has a passion for Bridgewater College football. As a student at Bridgewater, he was a member of the 1948-49 Eagles football squad, which started with about 25 members after football had been discontinued for 10 years from the College's athletic program. In recent years, he has helped organize annual reunions for his former teammates and has led the group in raising funds to support Bridgewater athletics. He and his wife, the former Louise Bowman, retired to Bridgewater and are active members of the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren.

Louise Bowman Callahan

Ripples Society Medal

Louise Bowman Callahan is a member of Bridgewater's class of 1948, having attended the College during the years that her husband, Ed, served in World War II. While her husband was a student at Bridgewater from 1948 to 1951, Callahan worked in Bridgewater President Paul Bowman's office.

After Ed's graduation in 1951, the family returned to the Callahans' native Martinsville, Va., where Ed began a career in the furniture industry. In 1956, the family moved to Atlanta, where Callahan managed the full-time job of being a mother to four children and homemaker. She also was secretary and vice president of her husband's corporation, Ed Callahan Furniture Associates Inc.

Callahan served in leadership roles with the Brownies, the Cub Scouts and the Presbyterian Church. She served many times as Circle Leader and served two terms as president of the Women of the Church, in which she was awarded a lifetime membership. She and Ed are among the most devoted Bridgewater Eagles fans, particularly of football, and they have traveled to all of the squad's NCAA playoff games — even as far away as San Antonio and Alliance, Ohio.

The Callahans celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary this year. They have 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Dr. William R. Johnson

Ripples Society Medal

Dr. William R. Johnson, a retired family physician who practiced in Cincinnati, Ohio, enrolled at Bridgewater College after serving in Civilian Public Service (CPS) during World War II, completing assignments with the U.S. Forest Service and with the Castaner Hospital Project in Castaner, Puerto Rico. After graduating from Bridgewater in 1949, Johnson enrolled at the Medical College of Virginia, earning his M.D. degree in 1953. His private family practice, a partnership with Dr. Albert Sapadin, lasted almost 40 years.

During his working years and in retirement, Johnson has participated in volunteer work, ►



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Top Photo: (L to R) Elbridge "Ed" H. Callahan, Louise Bowman Callahan, Dr. William R. Johnson **Bottom Photo:** (L to R) Cheryl Lackey Fairchilds, Dr. Donald G. Simmons, Julie C. Hensley

employing his medical training to help others. He and his wife, Lois, also a physician, worked together in the Cincinnati Free Clinic in the 1960s. For three years, the Johnson house in Cincinnati was the location of a regional, ecumenical congregation, organized by the Presbyterian Church, to study the causes of interracial conflict and to take steps to eliminate racism in white churches.

The Johnsons have coordinated the assembly of more than 1,000 health kits for Church World Service. While living in Cincinnati, Johnson was a member of Blue Ash Presbyterian Church and served as a member of its Session. He also was commissioner of the local Presbytery for his congregation and a commissioner to the na-

tional Presbyterian General Assembly. In 1995, the Johnsons became organizing members of a new Church of the Brethren congregation in Cincinnati. The Johnsons retired to Harrisonburg, Va., five years ago, and they are active members of the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren.

Cheryl Lackey Fairchilds

West-Whitelow Award for Humanitarian Service

Cheryl Lackey Fairchilds, a 1968 Bridgewater graduate, donates many hours working for the American Red Cross at the local, state and national levels. Since 1985, she has been a disaster services volunteer with the organization. As part of this trained group, Fairchilds must be ready to respond to disaster sites locally or throughout the United States and its territories, remaining on-site for at least three weeks. Since 1991, she also has served as a disaster preparedness instructor.

A current member of the board of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham County Red Cross chapter, Fairchilds also served terms from 1986 to 1992 and from 1994 to 1999. She was chair of the board from 1995 to 1998. She also works as a government liaison for the local organization.

From 1992 to 1996, Fairchilds served a term on the Virginia/Washington, D.C., State Service Council, including a stint as chairperson. She has served on the Virginia Training Planning Committee for more than 10 years and currently is the committee's vice-chair for administration. Fairchilds has chaired the state's Disaster Training Sub-Committee and the VA/DC Nominating Committee and served as a VA/DC training coordinator. She also has been a member of the Disaster Operations Center Review Team and a liaison for a 2003 Leadership Conference for Virginia and North Carolina. Additionally, she served on the planning committee for the May 1999 convention of the National Red Cross held in Virginia.

Fairchilds received the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Shenandoah Valley Volunteer Forum in 1993. She received the Exceptional Volunteer of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham County Chapter in 1994 and the Clara Barton Meritorious Volunteer Leadership Award in 1998. Fairchilds also volunteers for the Bridgewater Food Pantry, the Mission Council of the Shenandoah Presbytery and Habitat for Humanity.

Julie C. Hensley

Young Alumnus Award

Julie C. Hensley is a writer and teacher who has published more than a dozen short works of fiction and poetry in prestigious journals, including the *Indiana Review*, *Sunflower Anthology*, *Western Humanities Review*, *Santa Clara Review*, *Louisiana Literature* and *Hayden's Ferry Review*.

After graduating from Bridgewater in 1997 with a double major in English and Spanish, Hensley earned a master's degree in creative writing and literature from Kansas State University in 1999 and a master of fine arts degree in fiction from Arizona State University in 2002. She was a graduate teaching assistant at both universities and a faculty associate at Arizona State during the 2002-2003 academic year.

Since July 2003, Hensley has been a visiting writer and sabbatical replacement at Prescott College in Arizona. This summer, she and her husband, Bob Johnson, will relocate to Lawton, Okla., where she has accepted a tenure-track position as assistant professor of creative writing at Cameron University.

Hensley has received or been nominated for 15 writing awards, including four first-place awards for fiction and two for poetry. Her awards include the Sonoran Prize, the Glendon and Kathryn Swarthout Awards in Writing and the Louisiana Literature Poetry Award.

During the 2004-05 academic year, she was fiction editor for *Alligator Juniper* at Prescott College. She also has served as an editor for *Hayden's Ferry Review* at Arizona State University and *Touchstone* at Kansas State University. She was associate fiction editor for two years with *Across 22*, a publication of Arizona Programs for Talented Youth.

Dr. Donald G. Simmons

Distinguished Alumnus Award

Dr. Donald G. Simmons, a 1962 Bridgewater graduate, is director of the Division of Education and Research for the American Veterinary Medi-

cal Association (AVMA), a not-for-profit organization representing more than 72,000 veterinarians. His department is responsible for accrediting 28 veterinary medicine programs in the United States, four in Canada and six international veterinary schools, as well as 112 veterinary technician programs in the U.S.

Prior to joining the staff of the AVMA, Simmons was a professor for more than 20 years, teaching at Pennsylvania State University from 1988 to 1996 and at North Carolina State University from 1971 to 1987. He helped restructure Penn State's academic programs in animal bioscience, and at NCSU, he was instrumental in developing the university's College of Veterinary Medicine.

Simmons' primary research interest has been respiratory diseases of poultry, especially domestic turkeys. His laboratory made a major contribution in isolating and describing a bacterial cause of a respiratory disease in turkeys that closely resembles whooping cough in children.

During the 1984-85 academic year, Simmons served as an Administrative Fellow of the American Council on Education in the Office of the President, Virginia Commonwealth University and the University of North Carolina Central Administration. He also served on the editorial board of *Avian Diseases* and was a selected reviewer for *Avian Pathology* and the *American Journal of Veterinary Research*.

Simmons received the P.P. Levine Award from the American Association of Avian Pathologists in 1980 and the Merck Poultry Award in 1967. In 1971, he was named a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists, and from 1967 to 1971 he was National Institutes of Health Special Fellow at the University of Georgia.

Simmons earned his doctor of veterinary medicine degree from the University of Georgia in 1967. He also received a master of science degree and Ph.D. in medical microbiology from the University of Georgia. He and his wife, Cheryl M. Stroud, have two children. ■ kdb

class notes...

1952

Helen Hoy Johnson and **Harold R. Landis**, '54, were married June 27, 2004. The couple lives in Harrisonburg, Va.

1954

Harold R. Landis (see Helen Hoy Johnson, '52)

1955

Alma Phibbs Smith and John Carper Heisey were married Feb. 19. The couple lives in Palmyra, Pa.

1959

Johanna Dorsey DeBenedetto and her husband, Vincent, have retired after more than 30 years in corporate life and moved from New York to Holly Springs, N.C. (near Raleigh). They are enjoying a leisurely life of politics, church, community activities and visiting family and friends.

1967

The Rev. Warren Murphy has completed 15 years as rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Cody, Wyo., and is serving as director of the Wyoming Association of Churches, which is the statewide ecumenical council of churches. He is working with nine denominations primarily on behalf of social justice issues.

1979

Dr. Cathie Stivers graduated from seminary in May 2004

and is a chaplain at Children's Hospital in Richmond, Va.

1983

David E. Will, a partner and certified public accountant with Mitchell, Wiggins & Company in Richmond, Va., was profiled as a "Super CPA" in *Virginia Business* magazine. When he started with the company, he began working with non-profit agencies, and now, 20 years later, he continues to serve as a business advisor to these groups.

1985

Charles "Chad" D. Price and his wife, Sandra, live in Shenandoah, Va., with their four-year-old son, Chase.

Nicholas Wakeman and Elizabeth Farmer Graves were married Nov. 20. Nick is senior editor of *Washington Technology*, a business magazine. The couple lives in Alexandria, Va.

Steve E. Wallace earned a master of science degree in physical therapy in 1988. He is an outpatient rehab manager for Lifecare Center of Treasure Valley in Boise, Idaho. He invites anyone traveling to Idaho to contact him at



Molly Grace Ecroyd and older sister Ryleigh Paige

sewallace34@msn.com. He lives with his wife, Susan, and three children in Boise.

1987

Michael J. McDonough has been named a partner in the law firm of Dechert LLP. He practices in the firm's London office and concentrates on global investment management and collective investment products. He earned a master's degree in foreign affairs from the University of Virginia and a juris doctorate from George Washington University.

1988

Darrin Pruitt, coordinator for distance education at the University of New Orleans, was invited by researchers at the University of Wisconsin-Madison to serve on an international Delphi team to establish benchmarks for assessment of quality of online programs. In addition, Newsweek Distance Learning invited Pruitt to provide editorial comments to their online column "Ask The Experts" at www.NewsweekDistanceLearning.com.

Ramsey W. Yeatts and Becky Lynn Cassada were married Sept. 18. Ramsey is a vice president - market executive for First Citizens Bank, Danville. The couple lives in Chatham, Va.

1989

Greg Ecroyd and Marcie have their second daughter, Molly Grace, born March 11, 2004. The family lives in Richmond, Va. (SEE PHOTO)

1990

Krista Spangler and Ruth have a daughter, Lily Rowan Schlesinger Spangler, born Jan. 26. They live in San Francisco.

John E. Vetter and **Amanda Mitchell Vetter**, '92, have a second son, William Mitchell, born Feb. 9, 2004 (John's birthday). John is self-employed, and Amanda is a stay-at-home mom. The family lives in Herndon, Va.

1991

Angela Evans Andrews and Scott have a son, Cortland Scott, born Nov. 2. The family lives in Dayton, Va.

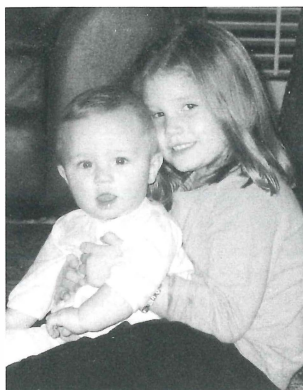


Jonathan Wendell and Kevin Wayne Barfoot

Lulu Zhu Barfoot and Bob have twin boys, Jonathan Wendell and Kevin Wayne, born Jan. 30, 2004. Lulu, who has her master's degree in telecommunications, worked as a telecommunication and software consultant for AT&T, Convergys and Lockheed Martin before putting her professional career on hold while she stays home with her sons. The family lives in Ashburn, Va. (SEE PHOTO ▲)

Michael Scott Fitzmeyer Sr. and Tracey have a son, Michael Scott Fitzmeyer Jr., born June 11, 2004. Mike is a mortgage banker with SunTrust Mortgage

Inc. The family, which also includes a daughter, lives in Marietta, Ga. (SEE PHOTO ▼)



Michael Fitzmeyer Jr.
and sister Lauren

Anita Welch Lynn and Jay have a son, Samuel James, born July 21, 2004. Anita is a stay-at-home mom and teaches Musikgarten on the side. The Lynns, who also have a daughter, live in Farmville, Va.

Jeff Moyer and **Lori Meyerhoeffer Moyer, '93**, have their second son, Rhett Easton, born July 1, 2004. The family lives in Goodview, Va.

1992

Eric Gerber and Joan have a second son, Owen Immanuel, born Jan. 18. Eric is a teacher and basketball coach at Smithsburg High School. The family lives in Smithsburg, Md.

Kelly Grove and Michael Baker were married Feb. 22. Kelly is a software engineer for ManTech International. The couple lives in Culpeper, Va.

Amanda Mitchell Vetter (see John E. Vetter, '90).

1993

Lori Meyerhoeffer Moyer (see Jeff Moyer, '91).

Alumni Volunteer with BVS

Four Bridgewater College alumni, **David Miller, '82**; **Trenton Greenawalt, '02**; **Andy Miracle, '03**; and **Seth Flory, '06**, have accepted Church of the Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS) assignments.

Miller (*pictured below, left*) of Roanoke, Va., is working with Meeting Ground in Elkton, Md., a faith-based response to the growing epidemic of homelessness in the United States and worldwide. The organization is active in community educational and advocacy activities and, along with other community agencies, hosts a community kitchen food program.

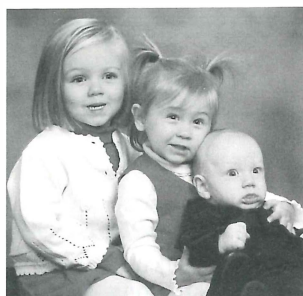
Greenawalt (*second from left*) of Harrisonburg, Va., is working at Brethren Home, a non-profit, nationally accredited, continuing care retirement community, in New Oxford, Pa. Medical care and support services are provided for the residents.



Miracle (*second from right*) of Bridgewater, Va., is volunteering with the Brethren Witness/Washington Office in Washington, D.C., representing Church of the Brethren values and interests as defined by the church's governing body, to the legislative and executive branches of the federal government. The organization also helps church members stay informed and involved in ecumenical and legislative efforts to promote the goals of peace, justice and environmental stewardship.

Flory, (*right*) also of Bridgewater, has undertaken an assignment with Camp Alexander Mack located on Lake Waubee near Milford, Ind. Its mission is to provide hospitality for people to build a relationship with God, others and the natural world. The facility serves more than 16,000 people a year.

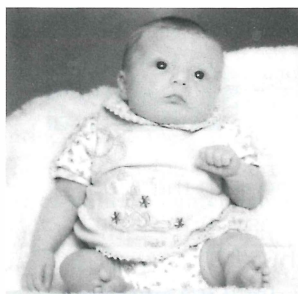
BVS, established in 1948, works at advocating justice, peacemaking, serving basic human needs and maintaining the integrity of creation. In exchange for their work, volunteers receive room, board and a small monthly stipend from their project.



Leah, Carrie and
Jason Stinchcomb

Holly Botkin Stinchcomb and Matt have a son, Jason Delaney, born July 28, 2004. The family, which also includes two daughters, lives in Manassas, Va. (▲ SEE PHOTO)

Jolie Eves Thompson and Timothy have a daughter, Rachel Morgan, born Sept. 28. Jolie is a lab technician at Hershey Chocolate of Virginia Inc. The family lives in Afton, Va. (▼ SEE PHOTO)



Rachel Morgan Thompson

Karen Elizabeth Smith Whetzel and Mark have a daughter, Sydney Anneliese, born Nov. 15. Karen is a full-time learning disabilities resource teacher at Harrisonburg High School. The family lives in Harrisonburg, Va. (SEE PHOTO ►)

1996

Christopher S. Kump and Jeremy Ann Sponaugle were married June 5, 2004. Chris is a lab shift supervisor at Merck and Co. Inc. The couple lives in Harrisonburg, Va.

1997

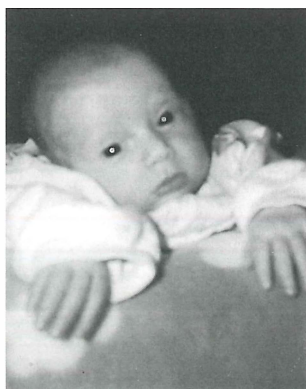
Cheryl Schwartz Allen and James have their first child, a daughter, Autumn Raine, born Dec. 22. Cheryl, a former financial analyst at TallyGenicom in Waynesboro, Va., is a stay-at-home mom. The family lives in Fishersville, Va. (▼ SEE PHOTO)



Autumn Raine Allen

Keith E. Davis and Elizabeth Page Fauber were married Dec. 31. Keith is employed in the University Development Office at the University of Virginia. The couple lives in Waynesboro, Va.

Coast Guard **Petty Officer John Fretts** was awarded the Coast Guard Achievement Medal for saving a man's life at the 2004 Chincoteague Pony Swim. Seeing a man fall face first into the water, Fretts jumped in and held his head above water while



Sydney Anneliese Whetzel

swimming to a Coast Guard rescue boat.

Mickey Hamilton and **Amy Rafalski Hamilton, '98**, have a new daughter, Grace Catherine, born April 4. The family lives in Lebanon, Va. (SEE PHOTO ►)

1998

Heather Einhorn Corder and Chris have a son, Garon Lukas, born Dec. 30. The family lives at Fort Hood, Texas

David W. Craig and Heather were married in June 2004. David is a staff sergeant in the United States Air Force working as a weather forecaster at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Montana. His responsibilities include issuing weather warnings and advisories for the 23,000 square-mile 341st Missile Complex and briefing the helicopter crews before missions.

Amy Rafalski Hamilton (see Mickey Hamilton, '97).

Andrea Lynn McMullen and Craig A. Strawderman were married Aug. 28. Andrea is a funeral director at McMullen Funeral Home in Harrisonburg, Va. The couple lives in Mathias, W.Va.

1999

Kristen R. Bennett and **Justin B. Eaton** were married March 5. Kristen is a developmental specialist with the infants and toddlers program in Anne Arundel County Public Schools, and Justin is employed by United Concordia. The couple lives in Baltimore.

Michelle Leigh Craun and Christopher M. Dove were



Grace Catherine Hamilton
and brother Gavin

married Sept. 15. The couple lives in Mount Jackson, Va.

Joel F. Geisert and Danielle Sophia Gulbrandsen were married Nov. 26. Joel is a network technician for SEL. The couple lives in Harrisonburg, Va.

Mandi Fulk Glendye and Todd have a daughter, Janna Claire, born March 14. The family lives in Bridgewater, Va.

Jamie Kery Harrison and Will have a son, Spencer Nash, born Dec. 30. Jamie is director of after-school for Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools. The family lives in Raleigh, N.C.

Jonathan D. Mayo, a lance corporal with the U.S. Marine Corps, has graduated from the Ground Communications Organizational Repair course at Marine Corps Communications-Electronics School in Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Elizabeth D. Smith and Jeffrey McNeal were married July 24, 2004. Elizabeth is assistant director of planning and new business development at Rockingham Memorial Hospital. The couple lives in Fishersville, Va.

2000

Sarah Beth Fischer and Nathan W. McAnulty were married June 20, 2003. Sarah Beth teaches second grade at Shenandoah Elementary School in Page County. She is pursuing a master of education degree: curriculum and instruction program from Eastern Mennonite University. The couple lives in Shenandoah, Va.

Aaron Keebaugh is a John Wayne Reilly Presidential Fellow in musicology at the University of Florida.

Meredith Chandler Shifflett and Michael Harsh were married Sept. 10. Meredith is a manager at Log Cabin BBQ in Elkton, Va. The couple lives in Massanutten, Va.

Kimberly Harris Simms and David have a son, Dylan Chase, born March 5. The family, which also includes a daughter, lives in Madison Heights, Va.

2001

Lynise Spitzer Massella and Bob have their first child, a daughter, Maggie Elise, born April 4. Lynise is Leadership Institute coordinator at Bridgewater College. The family lives in Weyers Cave, Va.

(SEE PHOTO ➔)

2002

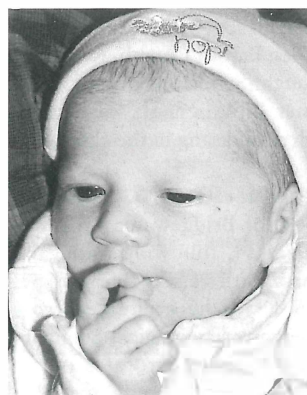
Linetta Shalom Alley and **Joel Edward Ballew, '03**, were married Nov. 15, 2003. Linetta is program director at Brethren Woods Camp and Retreat Center, and Joel is pastor of Fairview-Mount Clinton Church of the Brethren, while pursuing a degree in philosophy and reli-

gion from Bethany Theological Seminary and Eastern Mennonite Seminary. The couple lives in Harrisonburg, Va.

Timothy A. Craver and **Diana M. Wyant, '04**, were married Oct. 23. The couple lives in Harrisonburg, Va.

David C. Flack and **Jacqueline N. Judd, '03**, were married Dec. 18. The couple lives in Lewisburg, W.Va., where both are graduate students at West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine.

Christopher L. Judd and April Marie Cabbage were married Oct. 16. Chris owns and operates Springview Landscaping in



Maggie Elise Massella

Luray, Va. The couple lives in Stanley, Va.

Tiffany Kristen Weaver and Nathan R. Sawyer were married July 31, 2004. Tiffany is a medical representative for Merck Company Inc., in Colorado Springs, Colo., where the couple lives.

2003

Joel Edward Ballew (see Linetta Shalom Alley, '02).

Jacqueline N. Judd (see David C. Flack, '02).

Kyle Lehman is activity coordinator at Pearl S. Buck International, a non-profit organization offering adoption services, in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. She plans and organizes the educational and community events offered for the children and their adoptive families.

2004

Kathryn Phillips and Jason Higgins were married July 24, 2004. Kathryn is a program assistant and behavior assistant for the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind. The couple lives in Staunton, Va.

Jennifer Shirey and Isaac Post were married Oct. 2. Jennifer is a science teacher at Preston High School. The couple lives in Morgantown, W.Va.

Diana M. Wyant (see Timothy A. Craver, '02).

2005

Kimberley Cornelia Richards and Jeremy Painter were married Aug. 7. The couple lives in Stanley, Va.

Keep in Touch

Got a new job, spouse, baby, hobby, award, or other big news that you'd like to tell your friends about?

Send your news to *Bridgewater Magazine* Class Notes. Use the mail-in form at the back of this issue or e-mail alumnews@bridgewater.edu.

Remember, the publication lead time for Class Notes is three months. Information received after the deadline for this issue will appear in the Fall 2005 issue. *Bridgewater Magazine* does not publish engagement announcements, and submitted photographs are included when space permits.

memorials...

Evelyn Roop Miller, '30, of Harrisonburg, Va., died Dec. 23, at the age of 94. She was a member of Sanctuary United Church of Christ. In 1931, she received a master's degree from Western Reserve Graduate School. She was a librarian in Washington, D.C., Bethany Divinity School and two schools in Connecticut, before retiring in 1975 as the librarian at Quabog Regional Junior and Senior High School in Massachusetts. Among her survivors is a sister, **Julia Ann Roop Cairns, '31**, of New Windsor, Md.

Clara Mary Flohr Bailey, '33, of Orlando, Fla., died Feb. 3, at the age of 96. After attending Bridgewater College, she graduated from Manchester College in 1933.

Iva Lee Simmons Hupman, '36, of Charlottesville, Va., died Jan. 16, at the age of 93. A teacher for 28 years, she spent most of her career in the Harrisonburg City Schools. She was a longtime member of the First Church of the Brethren in Harrisonburg, Va.

Katherine Young Mackley, '36, of Westminster, Md., died Sept. 1, at the age of 89.

Elizabeth Row Ryder, '37, of Waynesboro, Va., died Sept. 15, at the age of 93. She taught 38 years in Virginia's public schools. Among her survivors is a daughter, **Jacqueline Ryder Livesay, '71**, of Jackson, Mich.

Benjamin Franklin "Bennie" Huffman, '38, of Luray, Va., died Feb. 22, at the age of 90. After completing his sophomore year at Bridgewater College, he played semi-pro baseball for Harrisonburg in the Shenandoah League. For one year, he signed as a catcher for the St. Louis Browns until a serious injury sent him to the minor leagues. He joined the Navy in 1942, where he played baseball in the

service leagues. After leaving the service, Huffman joined the Chicago White Sox as a manager, player, and scout for 32 years. In 1990, he was inducted into the Middle Atlantic Major League Baseball Scouts Association Hall of Fame and was a charter member of the Bridgewater College Athletic Hall of Fame. He is survived by his wife, Cornelia.

Lt. Col. Robert Byers Kadel, '38, of Woodstock, Va., died Oct. 28, following a brief illness. He was 89. He was a 20-year active duty veteran of the U.S. Army Reserves and served overseas in World War II, the Korean and Vietnam wars. He taught chemistry at Massanutten Military Academy and Central High School. He is survived by Mary, his wife of 62 years.

Alvin T. Dulaney Jr., '39, of Charlottesville, Va., died Dec. 15.

Jacob Henry Bosserman Jr., '40, of Alexandria, Va., died Feb. 27, at the age of 86. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army in India. He was a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

Dr. Shirley Hoover Taylor, '41, of Williamstown, Mass., died Aug. 6, at the age of 83. She earned a master of arts and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Virginia. She was a retired educator from Florida State University in Tallahassee, Fla. She spent the last weeks of her life proofreading, sorting photos and creating the final elements of a book, "DNA Pioneer: J. Herbert Taylor," a biography and tribute to the life and scientific achievements of her late husband, Herb, to be published soon by Florida State University. In 1997, she received Bridgewater College's Ripples Society Medal. Among her survivors is a sister, **June Hoover Foster, '42**, of Chestertown, Md.

William P. Blackwell, '42, of Lynchburg, Va., died Dec. 27, at the age of 83.

Lillian Haynes Hiatt, '43, of Winston-Salem, N.C., died March 2.

Jean Pope Seller, '43, of El Dorado, Ark., died March 4, at the age of 84. After attending Bridgewater College, she graduated from Madison College (now James Madison University), and she was a dietician at Norfolk General Hospital. She and her husband, I.H., owned the Seller Jewelry Store in El Dorado. In addition to her husband, her survivors include a sister, **Anna Mae Pope Will, '45**, of Bridgewater, Va., and a brother, **Fletcher Pope Jr., '47**, of McLean, Va.

Elizabeth Funk Gray, '44, of Singers Glen, Va., died April 18, at the age of 82. She and her husband, Henry "Hank," who survives, owned and operated Gray's Sewing Center in Harrisonburg, Va., for many years. She was an active member of Singers Glen Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday school and summer Bible school, was church clerk and sang in the choir.

The Rev. Earl D. Rowland, '49, of Bridgewater, Va., died Dec. 24, following a long illness with cancer. He was 81. In 1952, he graduated from Bethany Theological Seminary and served pastorates in the Church of the Brethren at Blue Ridge and Broadway in Virginia, and at Annville and McVeytown in Pennsylvania. He served as a delegate to the District and to Annual Conference. Among his survivors is a son, **the Rev. Curtis G. Rowland, '78**, of Milford, Ind.

Martha H. Cupp, '51, of Elgin, Ill., died Nov. 19, at the age of 74. She taught school for nine years in Augusta County, Virginia, before moving to Elgin, where she taught for 29 years before retiring. Among her survivors is a sister, **Phyllis Cupp Miller, '47**, of Bridgewater, Va.

Patricia Green Black, '52, of Green Cove Springs, Fla., died Nov. 22, 2003, at the age of 73.

Her husband, **Ralph W. Black Jr., '53**, died Sept. 28, 2004. He enjoyed playing jazz music.

Donald R. Malcolm Sr., '52, of McDowell, Va., died Jan. 9, at the age of 74. He retired after 32 years of service from General Development Corporation in Florida as a construction superintendent. He was a member of McDowell Presbyterian Church.

Ralph W. Black Jr., '53 (see Patricia Green Black, '52).

Peter D. Weimer, '62, of Sebring, Fla., died Nov. 4, at the age of 66. He was a self-employed, retired lawyer, mediator and farmer. He is survived by his wife, Judy.

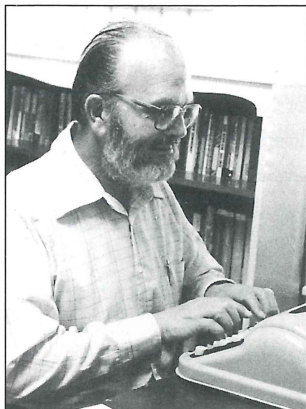
Patricia Kloes, '67, of Severna Park, Md., died Jan. 10, following a long illness. She was 60. She retired from the Social Security Administration in Baltimore County in 1995, having worked 25 years as a claims authorizer and systems analyst.

Jay D. Higgs, '72, of Bridgewater, Va., died April 16, at the age of 59. He taught mathematics at Robert E. Lee High School for over 30 years and had taught part time at James Madison University and Blue Ridge Community College. He was a member of Bridgewater United Methodist Church. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he served in Germany. An avid hunter and fisherman, he coached Little League Baseball. He is survived by his wife, Wanda.

Joan Bowles Satterwhite, '89, of Roanoke, Va., died Jan. 9. She was 39.

Correction: The winter 2005 issue of *Bridgewater Magazine* included an obituary for **S. Flory Diehl, '43**. His sister, **Mae Diehl Mann, '45**, should have been included in the list of survivors with Bridgewater connections. We apologize for the confusion.

WILLIAM PETER "BILL" ALBRIGHT, associate professor of English, *emeritus*, died Jan. 22, at his home in Bridgewater, Va. He was 80.



A graduate of McPherson (Kan.) College, he earned an M.S. degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and a divinity degree from Bethany Seminary in Chicago.

In addition to teaching at Bridgewater College from 1967 to 1991, Albright taught English in China in Fuzhou, Dalian and Yang-en.

Albright served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a prisoner of war in Germany. He was a member of the Myers Hodges VFW Post No. 8644 and a life member of the Bridgewater Rescue Squad. He also served as a board member for the Central Valley Habitat for Humanity.

A member of the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren, Albright also was an ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren and pastored congregations at Leeton, Mo.; Carleton, Neb.; and Omaha, Neb.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, the former Elaine Brammell. Also among his survivors is a daughter, **Kathryn Elizabeth Albright, '73**, of Martinsburg, W.Va., and two sons, **William N. Albright, '74**, of Garland, Texas, and **Nathan W. Albright, '77**, of Las Vegas. Expressions of sympathy and support may be sent to the Albright family at 228 Mountain View Dr., Bridgewater, Va., 22812.

FRED O. FUNKHOUSER, an honorary member of Bridgewater College's Board of Trustees, died on March 4 at the age of 94.

A generous benefactor to Bridgewater College, Funkhouser gave more than \$4.6 million to support the building of the Fred O. and Virginia C. Funkhouser Center for Health and Wellness, which opened in the fall of 2001. Funkhouser gave the gift in memory of his wife of 60 years, Virginia Coffelt Funkhouser, who died in 1997. She was a nurse who, like her husband, loved young people and believed in the pursuit of wellness.

Born in Harrisonburg, Va., on Nov. 20, 1910, Funkhouser graduated from Harrisonburg High School in 1930. He attended Washington and Lee University for two years and the University of Richmond School of Law for one and a half years.

After working as an auditor for the ABC Board from 1934 to 1937, Funkhouser was hired at the Harrisonburg Loan and Thrift Corp. He eventually was promoted to chairman of the board and built the struggling Loan and Thrift into a prosperous institution. A keen judge of character, Funkhouser has been credited by many local businesspersons as having helped them succeed. He often would take a chance on people, sometimes offering loans without collateral. "He had tremendous insight into character, and he loaned on the basis of character," said Bridgewater President Phillip C. Stone.

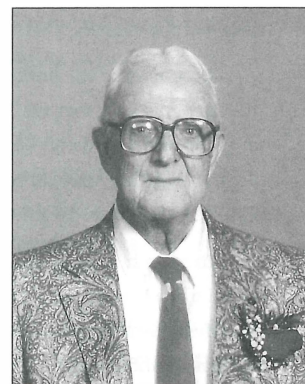
Funkhouser later became owner and chairman of Spotswood Bank, a subsidiary of State Planters Bank. The bank later became United Virginia Bank, and Funkhouser served for 11 years on its board. United Virginia then became Crestar and is now SunTrust.

A founder of the Spotswood Country Club in Harrisonburg, Funkhouser was active in many community and civic organizations, serving a stint as president for the Virginia Industrial Bankers Association and the Stuart Hall Foundation. He was a member of the boards of the American Industrial Bankers Association, the Rockingham Public Library and the Madison College Student Aid Foundation, and he served as treasurer of the Rockingham Development Corp.

Honored by Rotary International in 1986 as a Paul Harris Fellow, Funkhouser was tapped for ODK Washington and Lee University in 1979. He was a member of the Asbury United Methodist Church in Harrisonburg.

In addition to his financial support of Bridgewater College, Funkhouser contributed generously to community organizations and gave more than \$1 million to establish the Virginia Funkhouser Health Sciences Library at Rockingham Memorial Hospital in Harrisonburg.

Mr. Funkhouser is survived by his three children, Charles R. Funkhouser, Douglas V. Funkhouser and Janice Funkhouser Scaglione, and four grandchildren.



THE REV. BERNARD N. KING, '29, of New Oxford, Pa., died Jan. 2, at the age of 98. He was ordained as a Church of the Brethren pastor in 1931 and promoted to eldership at McPherson, Kan., in 1940. He served pastorates in Maryland, Illinois, Massachusetts, Ohio, Florida and Pennsylvania. King served as district executive of Middle District from 1957-61. He served as campus minister at McPherson College from 1938-1944 and at Bridgewater College from 1957-1961. He was a graduate of Bethany Biblical Seminary in Chicago and the School of Theology at Boston University. In 1996, he wrote his memoirs in a book, "A Dunker Boy Becomes Ecumenical." Among his survivors is a nephew, **the Rev. B. Merle Crouse, '52**, of St. Cloud, Fla.

RUTH MILLER NININGER, an honorary member of Bridgewater College's Board of Trustees and widow of former board chair, **R. Douglas Nininger, '28**, died April 1 in Roanoke, Va. She was 95.

A member of the Bridgewater College class of 1930, Nininger was a partner with her husband during his long service on the board and while he served as chair from 1959 to 1978. Together, they served as the first co-presidents of the Ripples Society in 1982-1983.

They both shared a lifelong interest in traveling to all 50 states in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and south and Central American countries. The Niningers also traveled to the near and Far East, Africa, and 20 countries and islands of Europe. In addition, they went on safari in Africa and visited volcanoes in Hawaii.

Nininger was involved in community service groups and volunteered at Lewis-Gale Hospital. She also devoted time and energy to the Community Fund, the Red Cross and the National Polio Foundation. She was active in garden clubs and served as a judge at flower shows, both locally and in surrounding states.

A lifelong member of the Church of the Brethren, she was a member of Central Church of the Brethren, and she served two terms as treasurer of the Church Women United of the Roanoke Valley.

The Alumni Gymnasium at Bridgewater College was renamed Nininger Hall for the couple in recognition of their lives of loving service and their generous commitment of resources to their alma mater.

A scholarship for music students, which is supported by the Niningers, awards tuition assistance to as many as 12 students annually.

Among her survivors is a nephew, **Ralph MacPhail, Jr., '65**, professor of theatre and communication studies *emeritus*.

ERNEST C. SPOERLEIN, a member of the Bridgewater College Board of Trustees since 1956, died on Jan. 6 at the age of 91.

A 1933 graduate of Bridgewater College, Spoerlein completed graduate work at the University of Maryland and West Virginia University. He was a retired math teacher and guidance counselor who also served as director of federal programs for the Garrett County Board of Education.

Active in his local community, Spoerlein was selected in 1993 for membership in the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. He had served as president of the local chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons, as president and treasurer of the Garrett County Teacher's Association, as a leader in the Maryland Teachers Association, and as a member of the Advisory Board of Mental Health and Alcohol Abuse and the Board of Supervisors of Elections for Garrett County.

A member of the Oak Park Church of the Brethren, he had served 10 terms on the board and was a past chairman of the Church of the Brethren's West Marva District Board.

Spoerlein faithfully served his alma mater as a trustee and life trustee for 48 years, as a Class Agent and president of the Alumni Fund Committee, and as president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors and the Ripples Society. He and his family were honored by Bridgewater College in 1997 with the dedication of the Spoerlein Lecture Hall in the McKinney Center for Science and Mathematics.

He was married to the late Alice Tucker Spoerlein, his wife of 65 years and a member of the class of 1931. Among his survivors is his daughter **Carolyn Spoerlein Updyke, '64**, of Oakland, Md.

DR. THOMAS R. THORNLEY JR., professor of music *emeritus*, died at his home in Bridgewater, on May 3. Thornley, known by many of his students as "Doc," was 74.

A member of Bridgewater's music faculty from 1972 to 1997, Thornley was chairman of the department at the time of his retirement. With the establishment of the Stage Band, he began a jazz program that remains strong and active. At the end of his first year teaching at the College, he was named "Professor of the Year," selected by vote of the student body.

Before coming to Bridgewater, Thornley was band director and professor of music education at Campbell College in North Carolina. He also taught at South Carolina State College

and for nearly 20 years directed high school bands in South Carolina. Under his leadership, the bands received superior and excellent ratings, gaining seven state championships and three national concert and marching championships at National Cherry Blossom Band Festivals in Washington, D.C.

A native of Charleston, S.C., Thornley was an accomplished performer with numerous big bands and symphony orchestras. He toured with orchestra directors such as Buddy Morrow, Ralph Flanagan, Les Elgart and Johnny Long. Additionally, he appeared with

orchestras supporting artists such as James Melton, Frank Sinatra, Kay Stevens and The Four Freshmen. He played with the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus Band and toured with the New York road company of "Guys and Dolls" and "South Pacific."



Thornley earned his bachelor's and master's

degrees from the University of South Carolina and pursued graduate work at the Teachers' College of Columbia University and the University of Southern Mississippi. He received his Ed.D. from the University of Virginia.

Family survivors include his wife, Patsy, and 15-year-old daughter, Karmy Sue. Memorial contributions may be made to the Thomas R. Thornley Sr. Music Scholarship, established in honor of his father, c/o the Office of Institutional Advancement, Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, VA 22812. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the Thornley family at 16 College Woods Dr., Bridgewater, Va., 22812.

A tribute service and "jam session" of Thornley's former students is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 17, in Cole Hall on the Bridgewater campus.

THE REV. BRYON JOSEPH "B.J." WAMPLER JR.,

director of the Reuel B. Pritchett Museum from 1992 to 1995, died April 8, at the age of 82.

A 1943 graduate of Bridgewater College, he earned a bachelor of divinity degree from Bethany Biblical Seminary in Chicago.

Wampler and his wife, the former **Mary Virginia Miller, '41**, who died on June 18, served as a team to churches, schools and communities for almost 62 years. He served Church of the Brethren congregations in Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Tennessee and Alabama. He was a representative to the standing committee of the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference and served as ministeriam president in Johnson City, Tenn. In addition, he served as moderator of many local churches.

In 1974, he became administrator of the John M. Reed Nursing Home in Limestone, Tenn., a position he held for 10 years. In retirement, the Wampplers moved to Bridgewater, Va., where he led the Shenandoah District Ministerial Reading Training Program.

The Wampplers' survivors include a daughter, **Marilyn Wampler Johnson, '71**, of Greenville, Tenn.; a son, **Dr. David L. Wampler, '75**, of Gardners, Pa.; and two brothers, **Claude L. Wampler, '51**, of Grottoes, Va., and **John W. Wampler, '57**, of Waynesboro, Va.

"Deep Throat," Convo Speaker

Yet another reason to attend your required convocations: You never know when a convo speaker will become famous — or infamous.

On Sept. 26, 1974, W. Mark Felt, recently revealed as "Deep Throat," the secret *Washington Post* informant during the Watergate investigation, was the convocation speaker at Bridgewater College. The speech came just a month after the resignation of President Richard Nixon.

The convocation brochure from that year has a short bio on Felt that reads, "From May 2, 1972, upon the death of J. Edgar Hoover, until his retirement on June 22, 1973, Mr. Felt occupied the Number Two Position in the FBI. During this period, he ran the day to day operations of the FBI and was personally involved in every significant matter, both administrative and investigative, including the Watergate case, the Ellsberg case, and the Gainesville Eight."

Dr. Robert McFadden, the Anna B. Mow Professor of Religion *emeritus*, who was director of convocations at the time, does not recall the specifics of Felt's visit but remembers that he often invited speakers from Washington, D.C., in those days. "I invited him to speak because he was a top person in the FBI," McFadden says. "Of course, I had no idea that he was 'Deep Throat.'" ■ kdb

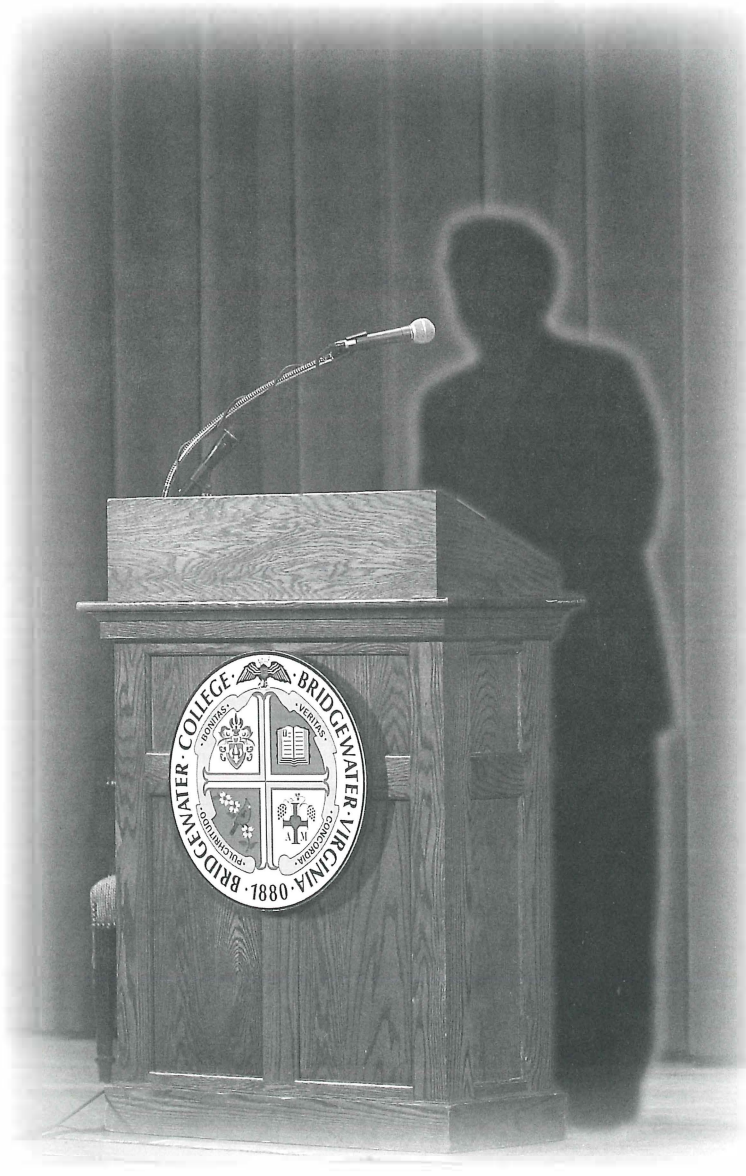


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